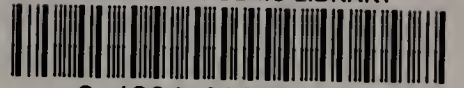


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There were at least four Needham settlers in Massachusetts in the colonial period: Anthony Needham of Salem, some of whose descendants are given in "Needhams of Wales, Mass., and Stafford, Conn.," by Grace Olive Chapman (New England Historical and Genealogical Register, CX [1956]: 27-37; 113-122); John Needham of Braintree and Boston (See manuscript entitled "John Needham of Brantry, Mass. (1669-75) and Boston, Mass. (1675-89) and 175 Descendants," compiled by Robert F. Needham, Arlington, Mass. [at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN; copy at Lynnfield, Mass. Public Library]); Nicholas Needham of Exeter, NH, who apparently had no descendants (See Felt, History of Exeter, 31-32); and the subject of this study, Edmund Needham, who came to Lynn about 1638. There is no evidence to support any connection between any of these four Needham settlers.

No complete study of Edmund Needham has been found, although several researchers have traced a particular line. Mrs. Melva K. Breffeilh, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, has worked on the Needham/Hart connections, and the author of this paper published the Needham/Chadwell connection in The Chadwell Family; Descendants of Thomas Chadwell of Lynn ([Lynnfield, 1980], 18-20). Marjorie Coffill, of Sonora, California, contributed a great deal of material for this study; in addition to research in Quaker Records by Mrs. Nancy P. Speers of Swarthmore, PA, three professional researchers were hired by Mrs. Coffill: Grace G. Paris, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Joyce King of Salem, Massachusetts, and Ann S. Lainhart, of Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Coffill has worked on the Needham family for more than ten years, receiving encouragement and assistance from Mrs. Elizabeth Eastwood of Cleveland, Elizabeth T. McDonald of Lake George, New York, Grace Knox of West Hartford, Connecticut, Robert Anderson, formerly of Belchertown, Mass., now of Salt Lake City, Utah, Stephen Donach of the Boston Athenaeum, Stanley Moore of Pittsfield, Mass., Rebecca Huffman of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Elmer Storelli of Athens, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Coffill has graciously shared their findings for this paper. Louis Effingham DeForest wrote a short biography of Edmund Needham and listed his children in Our Colonial and Continental Ancestors [New York, 1930], 145-146).

The English origins of Edmund Needham have been researched and published. The will of Edmund's mother, Mary Needham, of Hampstead, county of Middlesex, England, dated 12 April 1660, was published in Henry T. Waters, Genealogical Gleanings in England (Baltimore, 1969) I:543. "Mary Needham bequeathed 200 pounds lawful money to her son Edmund Needham, resident in New England, and if he were not living, to his son Daniel Needham." Also mentioned were her sons John Needham, Benjamin Needham, her daughters Katherine Needham, Elizabeth Needham and Anne Cole, and her sons-in-law Thomas Barnes and John Brent (called John Briant in her daughter Katherine's will [Waters, Gleanings, II:1239]). Kerry William Bate of Utah published two articles in The American Genealogist, hereafter, TAG: "Additions to the Needham Pedigree" (TAG, 47 [1971]: 146-148); and "The Needham Pedigree: Addenda," (TAG, 49 [1973]: 170-171). The first article cited the 1664 Visitations of London, which corroborated the Thomas Barnes/Elizabeth Needham connection. Also cited was Boyd's Marriage Index (London 1626-1650, Grooms, Vol. 41), which gave the marriage of Edmund Needham to Joan Leazing, 7 April 1629. In the second article by Mr. Bate, he gives an abstract of the will of Thomas Barnes, and also provides valuable information from the parish register of St. Martin's Ludgate.





Children of John and Mary Needham of Hampstead and London, England, from  
article in TAG by K. W. Bate:

- i. EDMUND, m. 7 April 1629, St. Gregory by St. Paul, London, Joan Leazing, perhaps daughter of Thomas and Joan "Lesson" of St. Martin's

Children: mentioned in parish register

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1. Mary, chr. 21 Jan. 1629.
2. John, chr. 31 July 1631 (mother called Joice but this must be an error).
3. Elizabeth, chr. 22 July 1632, bur. 6 June 1635.
4. Abigail, chr. 30 Nov. 1634, bur. 18 Sept. 1637.
5. Elizabeth, chr. 11 Dec. 1636.
6. Nathaniel, chr. 11 Nov. 1638 (this probably means Daniel, whom New England records identify as b. ca. 1638). The will of Mary Needham, cited above, mentions Edmund's son Daniel.
- ii. John, chr. 20 Nov 1608, m. Abigail ----. Children bpt. St. Martin's
- iii. Robert, chr. 24 Feb 1610, bur. 21 Oct 1612.
- iv. William, chr. 13 Sept. 1612, d. by 1660 (not in mother's will).
- v. Mary, chr. 17 Oct 1613, m. Dec 1639 John Brent (Bryant, Briant). Ch. named in sister Katherine's will in 1691:
- vi. Katherine, chr. 10 Mar 1615, d. unnm at Chipping Barnett (Hertford); will proved 12 Mar 1691, mentions brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces & cousins (Waters, Gleanings, II:1239-40).
- vii. James, chr. 20 Nov 1620, prob. d. by 1660.
- viii. Elizabeth, m. Thomas Barnes, Esq. His will probated 20 Mar 1667.
- ix. Anne, chr. 13 Jan 1621, m. ----- Coles.
- x. Benjamin, chr. 5 June 1629, m. ---- . Ch. named in Katherine's will.

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1. EDMUND<sup>1</sup> NEEDHAM (John) was born about 1606, probably in London, England, and died at Lynn, Essex County, in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 16 May 1677 (Lynn VRs). He married at St. Gregory by St. Paul's, London, 7 April 1629 Joan (or Jone) Leazing (or Leesone) (TAG, 49 [1973]: 170). She was born about 1610 in England and died at Lynn, 24 October 1674, age about 64 or 65 (Lynn VRs).

Edmund came to Lynn between 1638, when his son Daniel (Nathaniel) was born in England, and 1641, when he is listed with the investors of the Long Island settlement. "Forasmuch as wee Edward Howell, Edmond Farrington, Edmond Needam, Daniell How, Josias Stamborough, Thomas Saires, Job Saires, George Webbe and Henry Walton & Thomas Halsey, Allen Breade, William Harker have disbursed fourscore pounds for the setting forward a plantacon in regard wee have taken upon us to transporte at our own prop' costs and charges all such p'sons as shall goe at the first voyage...." (G. R. Howell, "Long Island Early Affairs," in NEHG Register, XV:129-132; Alonzo Lewis and James R. Newhall, History of Lynn [Lynn, 1890], 188).

Edmund Needham lived in the western part of Lynn near the Saugus River; the early maps show a "Needham's Landing" on the Lynn side of the River. He served as juryman in 1649, 1652, 1655, and 1675 (Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts [Salem, Mass., 1911-1975]; hereafter EQCR, I:181, 270, 390).





He was probably a clothier by trade, as the inventory of his estate contains more than 80 yards of cloth. He was a wealthy man for the times, leaving an estate valued at 1117 pounds. His interesting and lengthy will, written 26. 4. 1677, and probated 29. 4. 1677, has been abstracted in several sources. Because of its importance as a genealogical document, the entire will (published with original spelling in The Probate Records of Essex County, Massachusetts [III:151-154]), is given here "corrected" into current language and spelling.

*"The Will and Last Testament of Edmund Needham of Lynn in New England, being blessed by God in his perfect knowledge, memory and understanding, though otherwise ill in body, made and written by my own hand and according to my own mind, to my children and grand children as follows: first I humbly desire my only true God, maker and creator, of "Exodus 20:11, Psalms 95:3, 4, 5 and 146. 5. 6. Jonah. 1. 9. heaven and earth, the sea and all that is therein and me his most poor and unworthy creature amongst the rest, and to reserve my poor and unworthy soul of his mircy and only free grace and love for the sake of his only and well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ's sake alone excluding all things of my carnal or corrupt nature in or of myself in any matter or means in whole or in part to my Justification, but to Jesus Christ alone my only mediator, advocate and intercessor at the throne of Grace and alone propitiation for all my sinns, 1st John, 2.2.*

*Next I desire and impower my son, Ezekiell Needham my true and lawful executor to this my Last will and testament to see my body decently and Christianly buried as neer my old wife, being his own mother as may be.*

*Next I give to my son, Daniel Needham, besides all the housing, dwelling house he now dwells in, Barn and all, the out-housing, all the land that was laid out to him, planting land, upland and salt marsh, meadow, conditionally as is in a deed (to him) expressed towards my maintenance while I live in this world; and also the bedstead that stands in my last built new room with the bed, I leave him and two blankets and the curtains and valence belonging to it, and to his five children, five ewe sheep, that is to say, John Needham, one, and Ezekiel Needham one, and Judah Needham one, and Mary Needham one, and Elizabeth Needham one.*

*Next I give to my son, Ezekiell Needham all the upland and the fresh and salt meadow on both sides of the river and all the rest of my movables on the conditions mentioned in a deed to me that he should provide for me and my wife when then she was living and all things necessary convenient that we stood in need of for our comfortable livelyhood in health and sickness while we lived here in the world, every way suitable to our old age and several conditions, and all my movables I give to him besides where as he my son Ezekiell Needham, my lawful Executor, hath discharge to doctors and all other if any due debts or demands whatsoever that any can justly demand of me; also my chidren's and grand children's legacies in this my will expressed and then to his two children, two ewe sheep and the rest to be as his own proper goods; that is to say, my son Ezekiell Needham's proper goods as proper to him as ever they were proper to me.*

*Next I give to my daughter, Hanah Diven and her two children, twenty five pounds to be paid them half in cattle and the rest in good and honest sufficient pay that is to say, fifteen pounds to herself present, if living, or else to her husband if he be living after her, and five pounds to her daughter, Hanah Armitage, and five pounds to her last born son, John Diven, when they come to age, but if any one of them shall die before they come to age, the longest liver*





of them to have the whole ten pounds, but if they both die, then their mother to have the whole ten pounds at the time that if they had lived should have come to age, but if the mother and her son and daughter should all three die, then my son Ezekiel Needham is to have the whole ten pounds, only giving one half of it, that is to say, five pounds of it, to his brother, my son, Daniell Needham.

Next, I give unto my son-in-law Samuel Hart's children, first to his daughter-in-law, born of her first husband, Elizabeth How, but now by marriage, Elizabeth Chadwell, one ewe sheep, next to his eldest son, Samuell Hart, one cow and one ewe sheep, not exceding four years old, next to Joseph Hart, one ewe sheep, next to Abigail Hart, one ewe sheep and thirty shillings more in good and lawfull pay for her great care of me in my sickness, besides the wages that I shall give her for the time she stays with me, and to his daughter Rebecca Hart, one ewe sheep, all the sheep not exceding four years old.

Next, I give to my son-in-law Joseph Mansfield's children: first, his son, Joseph Mansfield, one ewe sheep, and to his next son, John Mansfield, I give one cow and one ewe sheep not exceding four years old, and to his daughter, Elizabeth Wheat, one ewe sheep and to Deborah Mansfield, one ewe sheep.

And further, this I add as a Codacil or brief inventory to this my last will and testament, that my son, Ezekiell Needham, my lawful executor, shall not be put to any oath or oaths at any court or any man ---n whatsoever then here I have set my own valuation of my whole estate, and if this will not save him from any oath about --- it he shall safely swear that (that is) all my whole estate, I having firmly given him as his own proper own as if it had never been mine so soon as ever the breath is out of my body, and I quite dead and I rest, I well knowing that he cannot give any just oath without wronging his conscience as I only best know how my estate lies and this my own valuation or inventory follows:

First, all my housing, barn and out housing and all my lands with all the charges of stone wall, fencing, etc. ... 400 pounds. Two whole pieces of baies (?), one red and the other the color of a Chestnut, one or two and forty yards apiece at the least, 12 pounds. One whole piece of red peniston (?), one or two and forty yards long at the least, 6 pounds; three parcels of canvas, near about one hundred yards, and other parcels of linen cloth and calico, 10 pounds; my silver watch and silver box and other silver cups and spoons and other plate, 15 pounds, my clock that strikes and another watch and alarm that does not strike, 5 pounds, some pewter, some old and some new, 2 pounds, some parcels of carsies (?) and some parcels of serge, and my wearing clothes, 26 pounds, some pots and kettles and trunks and chests and bedstead, 7 pounds, beds and bedding, 7 pounds, debts in old England in sufficient bonds and most in able men's hands as the Company of the Merchant Adventurors and another looked at us a great rich citizen fit for an Alderman of London, though they do what they can to deserve us, that is to say, my brothers and sisters, to whom they owe us about three thousand pounds, 600 pounds, total, 1,090 pounds, and one horse that was forgot, 3 pounds; and 4 cows and two young bulls forgot also, 17 pounds; also 20 sheep forgot, 7 pounds. Total, 1,117 pounds.

But as for this debt in old England that is something uncertain what my two attorneys in England, being my two brothers may get for me and themselves with something more that may be coming both to themselves and me, I desire to leave it to my children in the best order as I can amongst them. Thus first, I institute my son Ezekiell Needham my lawful executor and lawful attorney in this





business as in my own stead and in my own name as in my own person, to look the best after it as possibly he can, and whatever shall come over of it with the charges about it discharged them forever twenty pounds that shall come thus safe into his hands, he shall pay unto his brother, Daniel Needham, if he be living, six pounds, and to his sister Hanah Diven, four pounds if living, or else the four pounds to her children, Hannah Armitage and John Diven, if they be living, and their mother, dead, or else to either one of them if one should be living and the other dead.

And further, if this will not satisfy any court or courts, man or men, whatsoever, without my son Ezekiell Needham, my lawful executor's oath to my whole estate, then my will is that my son, Ezekiell Needham, my lawful executor, shall safely make oath that this my whole estate I having fully and wholly desposed of all the rest in my life as if it had never been mine for otherwise I can not see how he should make oath without wronging his conscience, my estate lying as it does which is only best known to myself." Edmund Needham (seal). Witness: Richard Walker, Ralph King. Proved in Salem court 29:4:1677. (Essex Quarterly Court Files, 26:118)

Children, the first six recorded in the the parish register at St. Martin's Ludgate, co. Middlesex, England (TAG, 49 [1973]: 170-171); the last two born probably at Lynn:

- i. MARY<sup>2</sup>, chr. 21 Jan 1629 (This date is before the date of her parent's marriage); d. at Lynn 24 Oct 1671; m. (1) prob. in England, JOSEPH HOW; m. (2) prob. at Lynn, about 1653, SAMUEL HARTT (James M. Hart, Genealogical History of Samuel Hartt... [Pasadena, Calif., n.d.], 3). Child by Joseph How, perhaps born in England (surname How): 1. Elizabeth, (mentioned in wills of Joseph How and Edmund Needham; Pub. Probate Rec. of Essex County, I:130, III:153); m. (1) at Charlestown, 20 Dec 1666, Benjamin Chadwell (Roger D. Joslyn, Charlestown Vital Records [Boston, 1984], 24); m. (2), prob. at Ipswich, as his second wife, John Jewitt (Frederic Clarke Jewett, History and Genealogy of the Jewetts of America [New York, 1908], II:21); m. (3), prob. at Ipswich, 23 Oct 1716, Dea. Ezekiel Jewett (ibid., I:21); m. (4) 2 Dec 1723, Ens. Andrew Stickney (ibid.). Mary Needham's children by Samuel Hartt, all prob. b. at Lynn (surname Hartt): 2. Mary; d. 20 July 1657 (Lynn VRs); 3. Samuel, b. at Lynn 1656; m (1) at Lynn 4 Jan 1680 Elizabeth Ingols (Lynn VRs); m. (2) at Lynn, 9 June 1684, Abigail Lombard (Lynn VRs). 4. Hannah, b. 2 Apr 1657 (Lynn VRs); prob. died young. 5. Joseph, b. 10 Apr 1659 (Lynn VRs); d. at Lynn 22 Nov 1736/7; m. at Lynn, 24 June 1685, Ruth Chadwell (Lynn VRs). 6. Abigail, b. 15 Nov 1660 (Lynn VRs); d. aft. 1677; cared for her grandfather in his last sickness. 7. John, b. 3 Apr 1666; d. at Lynn, 8 Aug 1667 (Lynn VRs); 8. Rebekah, b. 27 Nov 1668 (Lynn VRs); d. aft. 1677; mentioned in Edmund Needham's will. 9. Ezekiel, b. 28 Feb 1669; d. 10 Mar 1669 (Lynn VRs; Hart, Gen. Hist. of Sam'l Hart, 3, 18).
- ii. JOHN, chr. 31 July 1631; prob. died young.
- iii. ELIZABETH, chr. 22 July 1632; bur. at St. Martin's 6 June 1635.
- iv. ABIGAIL, chr. 30 Nov 1634; bur. at St. Martin's 18 Sept 1637.
- v. ELIZABETH, chr. 11 Dec 1636; d. at Lynn, 25 Feb 1662; m. prob. at Lynn, bef. June 1652, JOSEPH MANSFIELD, b. in or bef. 1628 in





England; d. at Lynn, 22 Apr 1694, son of Robert & Elizabeth (perhaps Townsend) Mansfield. Children, born at Lynn (surname Mansfield): 1. Elizabeth, m. at Lynn, 10 June 1675, Joshua Wheat (Lynn VRs). 2. Joseph, b. 20:1m:1660; m. at Lynn 1 Apr 1678, Elizabeth Williams (Lynn VRs). 3. John, b. 1662 (age 15 in grandfather's will, 1677), prob. d. at sea. 4. Deborah, d. at Lynn, 14 Feb 1677 (Lynn VRs; Geneva A. Daland and James S. Mansfield, Mansfield Genealogy [Hampton, NH, 1980], 5).

2. vi. DANIEL, chr. 11 Nov 1638; m. RUTH CHADWELL.
3. vii. EZEKIEL, b. about 1645; m. SARAH KING.
- viii. HANNAH, b. about 1649; m. (1) at Lynn, 18: 8m: 1669 ELEAZER ARMITAGE (Lynn VRs); m. (2) prob. at Lynn, 1674/75, as his second wife, JOHN DIVAN, JR. (Edmund Needham's will, see above), son of John, Sr. and Hester, or Ester, Divan (EQCR, IX:64). John, Jr. had m. (1) Elizabeth (----) who d. 26 May 1674 (Lynn VRs), and by whom he had two children. Child of Hannah Needham by Eleazer Armitage, prob. b. at Lynn (surname Armitage): 1. Hannah, b. prob. at Lynn, about 1671 (mentioned in Edmund Needham's will). Children by John Divan, Jr., recorded in Lynn VRs (surname Divan): 2. "child, stillborn, last of Oct. 1675," 3. John, b. about 1676; d. bef. May 1678 (ibid.). 4. John, b. 16 May 1678 (Lynn VRs). 5. Eleazer, b. 1 Aug 1680; d. at Lynn, beginning of Aug 1680 (Lynn VRs). 6. Ezekell, d. 10 Jan 1681 (ibid.). 7. Ezekell, b. 25 Dec 1681; d. at Lynn 10: 11m: 1683 (ibid.). 8. "child, stillborn," 19 July 1683. (Lynn VRs; Essex Institute Historical Collections, VI:134; hereafter, "EIH").

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## SECOND GENERATION

2. DANIEL<sup>2</sup> NEEDHAM (Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was christened as Nathaniel at the Church of St. Gregory by St. Paul (now St. Martin's Ludgate), county Middlesex, England, 11 November 1638. He died at Lynn, Massachusetts, and was buried at the Old Burying Ground there on 5 November 1717, age 79 ("Inscriptions from the Old Burying Ground, 'Lynn, Mass.," E.I.H.C., (XXII:38). He married at Lynn 24: 12 m: 1658, RUTH CHADWELL (Lynn VRs). She was born at Lynn in 1640 (figured from age at death), and died at Lynn 20 July 1719, age 79 (ibid.), daughter of Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Margaret Chadwell (Lynn VRs; Wiswall, Chadwell Family, 19).

Daniel served on the Jury of Trials in 1693; the Superior Court at Salem in 1694 and on the Grand Jury at Salem in 1697 (Records of Ye Towne Meetings of Lynn [Lynn, 1949-1966], II:17, 28, 49; hereafter "Lynn Town Records"). In 1694 he was one of seven men who disapproved a vote to pay Rev. Mr. Shepherd one-third of his fee in money (ibid., I:21).

In deeds, Daniel is called, "husbandman." On 8 April 1666, he purchased, for 32 pounds sterling, three acres of upland, bounded by Nathaniel Kirtland, Nathaniel Handford, William Clark and "common land;" 2 acres of salt marsh, bounded by widow Thomas, the Saugus River, George Taylor and Mr. Needham; and one acre of salt marsh, bounded by Mr. Needham, George Taylor and John Newhall. This deed was signed by William Bartrum, his wife Sara Bartrum, and by Mary and Sarah Burt, and their guardian, William Bassett. Witnesses were Andrew Mansfield and Daniel Salmon (Essex Deeds, 4:201).

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On 10 July 1678 (10:5mo:1678), Daniel gave his brother Ezekiel 32 pounds, 9 shillings for six acres of land in Lynn - land formerly in possession of Mr. Edmond Needham, father of Daniel and Ezekiel; five acres lying "remote from the one acre," the one acre being commonly called sedge or salt grass, bounded with the Saugus River and Daniel Needham's land; the other five acres bounded by Allen Breed, Sr. and the highway, and land of Daniel's and Ezekiel's, part of which was formerly John Farringtons. Sarah, Ezekiel's wife "Yielded up all her rights." Witnesses were Thomas Loughton, Sr. and Thomas Loughton, Jr. In a separate deed, accompanying the above deed, Daniel gave Ezekiel free egress and regress to his own land through Daniel's land (ibid.).

Daniel Needham's will was dated 2 July 1717 and probated 2 January 1718; he bequeathed:

*"to my beloved wife Ruth, the improvement of all my housing and land...during her natural life and then to be as hereafter given, and all moveable effects...to be wholly at her own disposal; to my son Ezekill Needham, one-half of all my upland and salt marsh lying in Needham's Neck where I formerly lived with six acres of land laid out to me on Lynn Town Commons; viz: that lot laid out to me in the 1st Division, 2 acres laid out to me in the 3rd Division, that in the 4th Division, the lot in the 5th Division, and my Nahant lot, all of which I give to my son Ezekiell Needham during his life and after his decease, then to be to his son Ezekiel Needham, provided my son Ezekiel Needham or his son do pay all the legacies hereafter given in my will immediately after mine and my wife's decease, and if not paid within 3 months after mine and my wife's decease, then the said lands to be (used) for the payment of said legacies. I give to my son Edmund Needham, his heirs, etc., one-half of all my upland and salt marsh lying in Needham's Neck and the one acre of land where he now lives, which I have already given him by deed of gift the which is his full portion of my estate with all the common lots laid out to my son Edmond Needham. I give to Susannah, the daughter of my son John Needham, deceased, the sum of 10 pounds to be paid by my son Ezekiel. I give to the three children of my daughter, Judith Curtice, deceased, twenty shillings each to be paid as above; the reason I give (them) monies is because they had the greatest part of their portion before she died. I give to my daughter, Mary Needham, and to her heirs, etc., all that piece of land where I now live (excepting only the one acre before given to my son Edmond, which piece of land contains about 3 acres, with the houses and barn thereon, with two lots of land laid out to me on the Common: to wit, the two lots laid out to me in the 1st and 2nd drafts in the 2nd Division of Lynn Town Commons. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Sears the sum of 20 pounds to be paid as above said. I appoint my son Ezekiel Needham to be my sole Executor, and I affix my hand and seal this first day of January, 1717." Witnesses were John Burrill, and John Breed (Essex Probate, 19197).*

The inventory of Daniel Needham's estate, taken by John Breed, John Ivory and Richard Johnson, 31 December 1717, included "a neck of upland and salt marsh, 25 acres, 225 pounds; 7 lots of land on the Town Common, about 20 acres, 20 pounds; a house and barn with 3 acres of land, 62 pounds, 2 cows, a yearling, seven sheep and a swine, 16 pounds. The remainder were chests, beds, tables, iron & brass, books and wearing clothes. Total assets: 364 pounds, 15 shillings (ibid.).





Ruth Chadwell Needham also left a will, dated 13 July 1718, in which she conveyed to her two daughters Mary Needham of Lynn and Elizabeth Sears of Boston in equal parts - all her moveable estate - but all her sons to be forever excluded. Witnesses were John Burrill, Daniel Needham and John, Mary and Hepsibah Breed.

Children, all except John recorded in Lynn VRs:

4. i. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, b. 1664; m. (1) KEZIAH ----; m. (2) ANN LAWSON; m. (3) widow MARY (----) EARL.
- ii. DANIEL, bpt. 9: 12m: 1664; d. bef. 1677.
- iii. JUDITH (Judeth, Judah); b. 24: 4m: 1667; d. betw. 15 Aug 1693 (the birth of her last child) and 4 Feb 1698/9 (the birth of triplets to her husband's second wife, Lydia Hill) (David Curtis Dearborn, "Lydia Hill, Wife of William Curtis of Salem, Mass." American Genealogist, 59 [April, 1983]: 75). Judith Needham m. at Salem, Mass., 22 March 1687, WILLIAM CURTICE, blacksmith, b. at Salem, 26: 10m: 1662, son of William and Alice (Rumble) Curtis (ibid.). Children of Judith and William Curtis, all born at Salem (surname Curtis): 1. William, b. 13 Jan 1687; d. at Lynn, 22 Sept 1730; m. Elizabeth Scadlock. 2. Ruth, b. 5 July 1690; m. (1) at Lynn, 18 Feb 1724, George Onthank; m. (2) 4 Nov 1734, Samuel Baxter. 3. John, b. 15 Aug 1693; m. (1) at Gloucester, Mass., 22 Oct 1716, Hannah Millett; m. (2), at Gloucester, 6 Nov 1733, Jane Brady. William Curtis had six children by his second wife, Lydia Hill (ibid., 76).
5. iv. EZEKIEL, b. 13 May 1670; m. PRISCILLA HALSEY.
- v. MARY, b. 28 Sept 1672; d. 1 Mar 1741/2; age 71 ("Old Burying Ground," 38); named in sister Elizabeth Sear's will; also mentioned in her mother's will in 1718. Brother Daniel Needham administered Mary's estate, 29 Mar 1742 (Essex Probate, 19211).
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. 1 Feb 1674; d. at Lynn, 10 Feb 1726, age 55 (Lynn VRs; EIHC, XXII:233); m. at Boston, 13 Nov 1712 (Boston VRs; int. at Lynn, 2 Oct 1712), as his second wife, ANTHONY GAZEAU, who went by the name of ANTHONY SEARS. He was born in France, son of Bastian and Elizabeth Gazeau, and had m. (1) at Boston, 1 Aug 1704, Grace Kenny, who d. 3 Sept 1712 (Samuel P. May, Richard Sears of Yarmouth and his Descendants, Vol. II, Rev. & Corrected [Newton, Mass., 1913], 641-2). In 1720, Elizabeth Needham Sears agreed that William Parkman should be named Guardian to Daniel Needham (her nephew) and Suzanna Needham (her niece) (Suffolk Probate, 4276, 4277). In Elizabeth's will, dated 13 Oct 1726, calling herself "widow alias singlewoman" she left her estate to her sister, Mary Needham for taking care of her in her last illness.
6. vii. EDMUND, b. 17 Sept 1677; m. HANNAH (BERRY) HOOD.
7. viii. DANIEL, (twin), b. 23 Feb 1679; m. MARY PARKMAN.
- ix. RUTH, (twin), b. 23 Feb 1679; d. at Lynn 26 Apr 1680 (Lynn VRs).
- x. RUTH, b. 22 Aug 1682; d. bef. 1717.

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## NEEDHAM FAMILY - continued

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3. EZEKIEL<sup>2</sup> NEEDHAM (Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was born, probably at Lynn, the "last of the 5th month [July] 1644" (Needham family Bible, in the Rev. Joseph Brown Turner Collection, Bureau of Archives and Record Management, Dover, Delaware). He died at Dover, Delaware, after 10 August 1697, when he distributed his land in Dover to his eldest three sons (see below). Ezekiel married at Lynn, 27 October 1669, SARAH KING (Lynn VRs), daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Guy) King (Rufus King, Pedigree of King of Lynn, Essex County, Mass. 1602-1891 [New York, 1891], 1; copy at Essex Institute in Salem, Mass.). Her birth and death dates are unknown, but she is mentioned in her father's will, dated 7: 12: 1671, as "Sarah Nedam" (Essex Probate, 15786).

As a young man of 17, in 1661, Ezekiel was an apprentice, living with Benjamin Briscoe, a shoemaker (EQCR, III:32), but he was a man of several occupations, according to the land deeds on file at Essex County Registry of Deeds. He described himself variously as a "gentleman" in 1667/8, a "tanner" in 1678, a "yeoman" in 1685, and a "cordwainer, or shoemaker" in 1686. He was also a trader and owned several vessels.

Ezekiel's first land purchase on file at Essex County Registry of Deeds, was signed 14 October 1667 and recorded 18: 6mo: 1668; it described nine acres of land in the western section of Lynn with one dwelling house, outhouses, gardens and orchards, for which he paid Edward and Ann Richards ten pounds. The land was bounded by the Town Commons, Thomas Leighton, Samuel Johnson and Mr. Holyoke's land (Essex Deeds, 3:39).

When Ezekiel married Sarah King in 1669, he inherited land in that part of Lynn that later became Swampscott. On 25 February 1672/3:

*"an indenture between Daniel King, Sr. of Lynn, gentleman, and Ezekiel Needham and Sara, his now wife, being a natural daughter of said Daniel King of the same town, in consideration of a marriage union, do freely give a certain parcel of land, formerly of Lady Moody, 33 acres, bounded south by a marker with R.K. on it [Ralph King?]; north by a marker with E.N. [Ezekiel Needham?]; west by John Lewis, and farm land formerly of Mr. Humphreys now in tenure of Richard Hurd" (ibid., 3:173).*

In Daniel King's will, dated 7: 12: 1671, and allowed at court 26 June 1672, he gave his daughter Sarah "Nedom" the land called Smith's Hill "provided my sonn Nedom fence it in with a stone wall" and makes a bridge over to the land;" also 60 acres of land at the head of Duck's Pond, bounded north by Master Humphries farm, provided my son Nedom shall give me and my wife so long as we live five pounds a year in money" (Essex Probate, 15786).

On 25 October 1672, Ezekiel Needham was summoned by the court "for using the trade of a tanner and shoemaker, contrary to law." William Bassett and Henry Collins were witnesses. No return was made (EQCR, V:126).





On 26 February 1677, he took the Oath of Fidelity, and in 1678 he took the Oath of Allegiance (ibid., VI:399; VII:158).

In June of 1677, Ezekiel Needham, Ralph, Elizabeth and Daniel King, were appointed guardians of the children of Hannah Elaney, daughter of Daniel King, deceased (EQCR, VI:299).

On the 8th (1 mo) 1678, Ezekiel sold to his brother, Daniel Needham, for 32 pounds, 9 shillings, six acres of land in Lynn "formerly owned by their father, Edmund," land bounded by Allen Breed, Sr., the highway, his own land, and land of Daniels. Daniel signed an agreement giving Ezekiel free egress and regress through his (Daniel's) land (Essex Deeds, 4:201).

On 30 November 1679, Ezekiel and Sarah Needham mortgaged for 90 pounds, to Thomas Newhall, Sr. of Lynn, "our homestead; viz. the land given to us by Mr. Daniel King, Sr., our honored father, now deceased..." containing 33 acres. Also 60 acres and a homestead and buildings on Smith's Hill. This mortgage was evidently paid off, for it was acknowledged and recorded at Salem on 27 November 1683 (ibid., 6:98, 99). On 3 March 1686, Ezekiel again mortgaged, for 100 pounds, to Simon Bradstreet of Boston, "all my mansion house I now live in and 33 acres of pasture and arable land, given me by Daniel King of Lynn as part of my wife's portion" (ibid., 7:62).

Beginning in 1684, Ezekiel Needham was involved in a long and vitriolic land dispute with the Farr family. On 2 June 1684, Elizabeth Farr, widow of George Farr, took Ezekiel to court in Salem. She claimed that she had:

*"for 54 years lived on a small tract granted by the Townsmen of Lyn, land left by George Farr, free from all entanglements or encumbrances of any high way to pass through it, [but] now, Mr. Ezekiel Needham, having obtained a situation left him by his father [in-law] - although he has ways for egress and regress - yet for his private and personal behest has earnestly sought a high way through "our" land and has obtained one by the power of our Selectmen of Lynn (whose power in such cases we know not!)... my corn and grass is destroyed [by] his creatures who get into our land. For us to secure our land by fencing is intollerable. If this continues, we'll be driven to leave our inheritance upon any terms and seek another way to be freed of such intollerable burdens" (Essex Court Files at Essex Institute, 41:113:14).*

This land dispute went back to 7 November 1678, when Andrew Mansfield, William Bassett, Sr. and John Burrill, Sr. (Selectmen of Lynn) laid out a private highway for Ezekiel Needham from his house to the Town common. "When they put down the stakes, Nicholas Hutchins pulled them out!" (EQCR, IX:245,46). The case between the Farris and Ezekiel Needham was finally decided by the court on 9 June 1684, when "the highway that was laid out by the Selectmen of Lynn, belongs to Needham, but he must pay due recompense to those persons whose land the highway is laid out in, 15 shillings damage, and court costs of one pound, three shillings." The case was appealed by Benjamin Farr, son of Elizabeth, but no further action was taken. In September 1684, Ezekiel Needham submitted a Bill of Costs against Benjamin Farr for two pounds, eight shillings, two pence for costs of the case, which included going to New London, Connecticut to obtain testimony from Josiah Witter of Stonington, an abutter. Benjamin Farr's bill of costs against Ezekiel Needham were for one pound, seven shillings, six pence (Essex Court Files at Essex Institute, 42:96:2).



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In another case before the courts, apparently unconnected with the above case, on 8 December 1684, Henry Skerry, Marshall of the Salem Court was instructed "to levy execution of the estate for lands of Ezekiel Needham of Lynn, 16 pounds, 17 shillings, 7 pence (plus two shillings for the execution) and deliver same to Mr. Philip Cromwell of Salem to satisfy a judgement of Ezekiel Needham which he acknowledged in court, to be paid in good current pay, corn, cattell, or land." If Ezekiel does not pay, Skerry is to "seize the person of Ezekiel Needham and commit him to safe keeping of the prison keeper in Salem until he makes payment or is otherwise released by the creditor" (ibid., 43:80:1). On 6 April 1685, Skerry reported, "I committed him to the safe keeping of the prison keeper at Salem, and then after the Creditor agreed to the full satisfaction with all charges about it, released him. On the reverse of the document, is written "This execution was levied upon the meadow of Ezekiel Needham which he tended to me and part of the swamp from his house." Again, on 18 March 1685, the Marshall of Salem was required to get payment from Mr. Ezekiel Needham of Lynn, of five pounds, eight shillings "in good merchantable shoes or fishing boots or some other current pay" to Capt. William Brown - to satisfy a judgement - and if Ezekiel doesn't pay, to commit Needham to the prison keeper, etc. Again, Ezekiel was put in prison, but he finally paid the debt (ibid.).

On 8 March 1685/6, Ezekiel Needham "yeoman" purchased for 12 pounds from Edward Richards, "planter," one-half acre by a little brook between Ezekeil Needham's and Edward Richard's land, bounded by Benjamin Farr, Ralph King and Joshua Witter (Essex Deeds, 7:62). On 1 August 1686, Ezekeil Needham, calling himself "late of Lynn," assigned this deed to his "brother in law, Lt. Ralph King of Lynn, and also the bark [vessel] that is in the tanning house on said land" (ibid.).

On 7 April 1685, in a deed recorded 27 June 1685, Ezekiel Needham, "in consideration of several sums of money and of considerable value undertaken on my behalf by Lt. Ralph King of Lynn," conveyed to Ralph "the good Katch of Lynn, formerly called the Endeavor, but since that, rebuilt and raised to a higher and greater dimension and now called "Hannah and Sarah" and lyeth at a creek called Driver's Creek" including the skiff, masts, sails, anchors, etc. (ibid., 7:36). On the same day, Ezekiel Needham of Lynn, "gentleman" and Sarah, his now wife, mortgaged for 70 pounds sterling, paid by Lt. Ralph King, "a certain dwelling house which Ezekiel Needham hath lately built in respect to the fishing trade, connected or protected by the said Mr. King and Mr. Needham together...said dwelling house stands on part of the point together with a fishing stage, etc. (ibid., 7:107). Both deeds were witnessed by Samuel Silsbee and Oliver Purchase.

Also on 29 June 1685, Ezekiel Needham appointed Lt. Ralph King, "my brother-in-law," to be his lawful attorney "especially in respect to some bills payable to me" (ibid., 7:38). This appears to be Ezekiel's last act in Lynn, and by the following year, he was established in that part of Pennsylvania that was soon to become Delaware.

Ezekiel's move to Pennsylvania was no doubt prompted partly by the business and financial difficulties he had experienced in Lynn, but perhaps also by the promotional literature being circulated by William Penn. Penn not only had been given all of Pennsylvania by his friend the Duke of York, but also, in 1682, had been granted additional territory along the Delaware River "because the Pennsylvania grant did not extend to the ocean.... Penn sought to attract wealthy adventurers, by means of pamphlets with large type" (Thomas C. Cochran, Penn-





sylvania; a Bicentennial History [New York: 1978], 5-7). Later, in 1704, Penn permitted the people in the Lower Counties (Delaware) to have an assembly of their own. William Penn was a Quaker and hoped to establish a colony where neither Quakers nor people of any other religious group would be persecuted because of their beliefs. Although there is no evidence that Ezekiel Needham was a Quaker, his son Ralph did become a Quaker, and Ezekiel may have had leanings in that direction. At the same period in history, "New England Quakers were thronging to the mid-Atlantic regions of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the fertile regions of the Delaware River, leaving the hostile environment of Massachusetts" (Wendy L. Elliott, "A Historical Overview of American Quaker Migrations," Ancestry Newsletter [Sept-Oct: 1987], 7).

Ezekiel Needham was a property owner in Dover as early as 6 August 1684 when a warrant was issued to him for four acres divided into four lots in the town of Dover (Land Records of Kent County, Delaware, recorded by Grace G. Paris of Swarthmore, PA). By 1687, Ezekiel had established himself as a gentleman farmer by having his "ear mark" for his cattle registered (Court Records of Kent County, Delaware, 1680-1705 [Washington, D.C., 1959], 88).

On the 10th of September 1690, Ezekiel sold to William Clark of "Lewestown" land that had been patented to him on the 6th of June that year (Kent County, Delaware Deeds, copied by Mrs. Paris). On the 8th of December the same year, Thomas and Henry Bedwell sold to Ezekiel Needham, land on the Isaac Branch (Kent County Deeds, C-80).

On 7 October 1692, Ezekiel Needham was named executor of the estate of Henry Toltwood. The will was signed 23 September 1692 in Passcattoway in New England, and was probated 17 October in Delaware. Heirs were "my friend Ezekiel Needham, Sr.," brother John Toltwood, sisters Grace, Jane and Elizabeth Toltwood, father Henry Toltwood. Witnesses were Thomas Stretton, Thomas Bedwell and Adam Latham. "To my friend, Ezekiel Needham, Sr. the 800 pounds that was given unto the Church of St. Martin's in the fields, the which 300 pounds to myself and 200 pounds to my brother, John Toltwood, and 300 pounds to my three sisters (Uncle John Stagg living at Bedfordberry is mentioned). In case my father Henry Toltwood is dead and gave me anything in his will, Ezekiel Needham is to have that also with whatever is due from his Aunt Martha Stagg..." (Kent County, Delaware Register of Wills, Liber A, Folio 4). No information has been found in Massachusetts records concerning the above mentioned people.

On the 10th of August 1697, at the age of 54, Ezekiel Needham, at a court held for the County of Kent, "one of the counties annexed to the Province of Pennsylvania," acknowledged four deeds of land:

50 acres to Timothy Thorald (perhaps a son-in-law)  
100 acres to son, Daniel Needham  
100 acres to son, Ezekiel Needham (land called "Hammersmith")  
100 acres to son, Edmund Needham  
(Court Records of Kent County, 103)

It is probable that Ezekiel's youngest son, Ralph Needham, inherited Ezekiel's homestead, perhaps for agreeing to take care of his father. On the 11th of January 1726, Ralph Needham, "as proprietor of the 'earmarks' registered to Ezekiel Needham in 1687, orders that the same be recorded for his son, Daniel Needham" (ibid., 88).





On the 15th of June 1698, Ezekiel Needham acknowledged a deed for 50 acres to Joseph Osborne (ibid., 121). This is the last record found for Ezekiel Needham.

Children, recorded as "Neadom" in Lynn VRs; also given in Needham Bible:

8. i. EDMUND<sup>3</sup>, b. 2 Aug 1670; m. (1) ANNA HEWTHAT; m. (2) ANNA WALKER.
  - ii. child, b. & d. Apr 1672.
  - iii. SARAH, b. 27 May 1674.
  - iv. EZEKELL (EZEKIEL), b. Dec 1676; d. at Lynn, Dec 1676 (Lynn VRs).
  - v. EZEKELL (EZEKIEL), b. 15 Nov 1677; received land from his father on Isaac Creek in Dover Delaware on 10 Feb 1696/7 (Kent County Deeds, C-193).
  - vi. DANIEL, b. 15 Mar 1679/80; received land from his father on Isaac Creek on 10 Feb 1696/7 (Kent County Deeds, C-193). On 10 Aug 1725, Daniel Needham sold to W. Supple, 300 acres of land that was owned by Daniel's brother Edmund, deceased (Kent County Deeds, H-134).
9. vii. RALPH, b. 26 Aug 1682; m. PHEBE BUNTING.

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4. JOHN<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was born, probably at Lynn in 1664 (figured from his age at death). He died at Boston, 4 January 1709, age 45 (unpublished Boston Deaths, 1700-1800, at Boston City Hall). He married, first, probably at Boston, KEZIAH ----, who died at Boston, "wife of John Needham," 17 January 1704 (ibid.). Keziah Needham was admitted to the 2nd Church at Boston, 6 April 1701. John married, second, at Boston, 22 May 1705, ANN LAWSON (Boston VRs, 13), who died at Boston, "wife of John Needham," 21 January 1707 (unpublished Boston Deaths). She was the daughter of John Lawson (Will of John Lawson, Suffolk Probate, 2882). In 1705/6, Ann Needham, wife of John Needham of Boston, Carpenter, was executor of the estate of John Lawson, late of Boston, Cordwainer, deceased (Suffolk Court of Common Pleas, 1 Jan 1705/6, p. 295). John Needham married, third, at Boston, 8 June 1708, MARY (----) EARL (Boston VRs, 20). Mary had been previously married as is indicated by a marriage contract signed by John that mentions her children (see below).

Proof that John Needham was the son of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Needham, is derived from Daniel's will, proved 2 January 1718, stating "I give to Susannah, the daughter of my son John Needham, deceased, 10 pounds to be paid by my son Ezekiel" (Essex Probate, 19197).

John Needham was called a shipwright in his will, dated 26 January 1708/9. He bequeathed to his "well beloved wife" Mary Needham, who was also named executrix, all his goods, and a life estate in his house, and land on Salutation Alley at the northern end of Boston. At Mary's death, the land would go to a child or children "if it shall please God to give me a child or children by my said wife." If there were no children, the land would go to his wife's heirs (Suffolk Probate, 3222). The will was witnessed by Thomas Reed, Robert Earle and Elizabeth Fifield. Mary Needham was evidently pregnant at the time, as their daughter Susanna was born two months later. In January of 1719, Susannah Needham, age about 10, and Daniel Needham, son of Daniel Needham, deceased, were appointed wards of William Parkman (ibid., 4276, 4277).





On 27 November 1722, William Parkman, Jr., administrator to the estate of John Needham, shipwright, deceased, petitioned the court for permission to sell the house and land in Salutation Alley in North Boston to pay debts and 100 pounds due from the estate, "by virtue of a contract before his marriage with Mary his late wife to her children (Superior Court of Judicature, Suffolk County Case 4277, 21:629).

Child by Keziah ----, recorded in Boston VRs:

- i. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. 22 Dec 1692; probably died young, as he is not mentioned in his father's will.

Child by Ann Lawson, recorded in Boston VRs:

- ii. JANE, b. 6 Jan 1707; bpt. 2nd Church, 11 Jan 1707 (p. 266); d. at Boston 27 Oct 1708.

Child by Mary (-----) Earl:

- iii. SUSANNA, b. 16 Mar 1708/9; bpt. at the Second Church, Boston, 28 Mar 1709 (p. 266); d. at Salem, Mass., 16 Dec 1761, age 51 (Salem VRs); m. at Salem, 6 Apr 1727, BENJAMIN GLOVER (ibid.), b. at Salem, 7 Sept 1704, son of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>) & Abigail (Henderson) Glover (Salem VRs; Sidney Perley, History of Salem [Salem, 1928], III:19). Susanna and her cousin, Daniel Needham, son of Daniel & Mary (Parkman) Needham, became wards of William Parkman of Boston in January of 1719 (Suffolk Probate, 4277). Children, bpt. at First Church, Salem (surname Glover) (Salem VRs; Perley, III:19): 1. Benjamin, bpt. 27 Apr 1729. 2. Susanna, bpt. 25 Jan 1729/30. 3. Abigail, bpt. 2 Jan 1731/2; m. at Salem, 15 July 1755, Jacob Oliver of Georgetown, Mass. (ibid.). 4. William, bpt. 18 Aug 1734; died young. 5. John, bpt. 3 Oct 1736; bur. at Salem, 31 Jul 1758, age 22 (Salem VRs). 6. William, bpt. 13 May 1739. 7. Mary, bpt. 1 Mar 1740. 8. Peter, bpt. 27 Mar 1743; bur. at Beverly, Mass., 25 Sept 1826, age 65 (Salem VRs); m. at Beverly, 6 Oct 1764, Anna Ober of Beverly (ibid.). 9. Jonathan, d. in 1788 (Perley, III:19; not in VRs). 10. Ichabod, bpt. 13 Mar 1747/8 (ibid.). 11. Priscilla, bpt. 18 Nov 1750; d. "unmarried, of paraplegia, age 40," 7 July 1790 (Salem VRs).

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5. EZEKIEL<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was born at Lynn, 13: 3 mo: 1670 (Lynn VRs), and died, perhaps at Wrentham, Mass., after 1735, when he sold land to Nathan Breed (Essex Deeds, 71:69). He married, at Boston, Mass., 10 October 1696, PRISCILLA HALSEY (Boston VRs, 349), who was born in 1666 (figured from her age at death). She died at Norfolk, Mass., 6 December 1755, "in her 89th year" (Grave Record at Norfolk, cited in Wrentham VRs).

Ezekiel Needham was a blacksmith and resided in Boston, where he joined the Second Church in April of 1697; then in 1770 he removed to Wrentham (Norfolk), Mass. (see below). All of his children were baptized at Boston.





On 14 April 1707, Ezekiel Needham was listed as part owner of the Sloop "Speedwell" (Mass. Archives, 7:312).

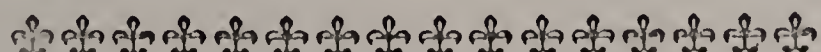
As executor of his father, Daniel's, will, probated 2 January 1718 (Essex Probate, 19197), Ezekiel was forced to sell off land to pay debts against the estate. He sold land to Jacob Newhall (Essex Deeds, 40:59-60); seven acres to John Breed (ibid., 49:116-17); and three acres to Theophilus Burrill (ibid., 78:106). All three deeds were dated 27 May 1720. In 1721, Ezekiel was ordered by the court to sell one-half part of 20 acres of land in Needham's Neck, so-called, in Lynn, and as many more of the small lots "as will be sufficient to pay debts of Daniel, and to pay legacies mentioned in his will" (Superior Court of Judicature, 304:17). On the 12th of June, 1722, again as executor of his father's estate, he sold two acres in Lynn to Daniel Mansfield Essex Deeds, 51:88). In all of the above transactions, Ezekiel is called "Blacksmith, of Boston." Priscilla renounced her right of dower. On the 6th of May, 1735, he sold land at Needham's Neck to Nathan Breed (ibid., 71:69).

In the Boston Court Records, the following debts are recorded: Ezekiel Needham, blacksmith, James Fowles of Boston, tailor, and Thomas Messinger of Boston, joiner, owed 130 pounds to East Apthorp (Suffolk Files, 8397). Ezekiel Needham of Boston owed 13 pounds, 15 shillings to James Fowles, tailor (ibid., 9107), and he owed 8 pounds to Ebenezer Bridge (ibid., 39111).

Children, all born at Boston and baptized at the Second Church (Old North):

- i. PRISCILLA<sup>4</sup>, b. 2 July; bpt. 7 July 1698.
- ii. EZEKIEL, b. 5 Mar; bpt. 10 Mar 1700; d. bef. 1707.
- iii. MARY, b. 8 Apr; bpt. 13 Apr 1701.
- iv. JOHN, b. 1 Jan; bpt. 7 Jan 1704/5; d. at Boston, 16 Sept 1705 (unpublished Boston deaths).
- v. EZEKIEL, b. 24 Sept; bpt. 28 Sept 1707; d. at Norfolk, Mass., 14 May 1794 "in his 89th year" (Grave Record at Norfolk, cited in Wrentham VRs); m. at Roxbury, Mass., 4 May 1738, DOROTHY STEVENS (Roxbury VRs), b. at Roxbury, "last of Feb " 1714, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Calfe) Stevens (Roxbury VRs). On 23 Oct 1770, Ezekiel Needham, with his wife and dau. Elizabeth, moved to Wrentham, to the home of his brother-in-law, Timothy Stevens, where they were "warned out" (Esther L. Friend, "Notifications and Warnings out in Wrentham, Mass.," (Register, CXLI [Oct 1987]:332). Children: 1. John, "son of Dorothy," bpt. 2nd Church at Boston, 11 Mar 1739; d. at Wrentham, 9 Mar 1814 "in his 75th year" (Wrentham VRs); m. at Walpole, Mass., 6 Sept 1801, Milley Gregory (Walpole VRs), b. at Walpole, 24 Feb 1768, dau. of John & Abigail (Guild) Gregory (ibid.). 2. Elizabeth, ("warned out" of Wrentham with parents in 1770). 3. Samuel, b. 1744 (figured from age at death); d. at Wrentham, 1 Feb 1826, age 82, "being the last of Ezekiel Needham's family" (Grave Record at Norfolk, cited in Wrentham VRs). 4. Ezekiel, b. 1752 (figured from age at death); d. at Wrentham, 27 May 1758 "in his 6th year" (ibid.).

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## EDMUND NEEDHAM OF LYNN - continued

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6. EDMUND<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was born at Lynn, Mass., 17 September 1677 (Lynn VRs), and died after 1726 when he divested his property to his children (see below). He married at Lynn, 15 March 1703, HANNAH (BERRY) HOOD, who was born at Rumney Marsh, 12 August 1668 (Boston VRs), daughter of Thaddeus and Hannah (Farrar) Berry (TEG, VIII:21; IX:47). She was the widow of Richard<sup>3</sup> Hood (Richard<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), as proven by a marriage agreement signed by Edmund Needham 3 March 1703, relinquishing Hannah's "thirds" of her first husband's estate to her three surviving children, Samuel, Richard and Hannah Hood. She was called "Hannah Needham" in the settlement of Thaddeus Berry's estate in 1718 (Suffolk Probate, 9263), and in 1733, she was called "kinswoman, wife of Edmund Needham" in the will of John Farrar, Jr. (Essex Probate, 9264).

Edmund Needham was a currier by trade. He participated in town affairs by serving as "overseer of swine" in 1706/7; a "fence-viewer" in 1707/8; and served on a Jury of Trials in 1709/10 and 1714 (Lynn Town Records, II:46, 58, 79). He moved to Marblehead between May and November of 1718, as indicated by his nineteen deeds recorded at the Essex County Registry.

On 5 January 1707, he sold a lot in Lynn to John Brintnall of Boston (Essex Deeds, 21:115); in April, May and November of 1708, and April of 1711, he bought nine lots of land from George Lilly (ibid., 43:207-8); Jonathan Silsbee, (ibid., 43:206-7); Samuel Laughton (ibid., 43:202-3); and John Hawkes (ibid., 43:201). Also on 24 October 1712, he received a gift of upland in Lynn from his father, Daniel Needham (ibid., 43:207-8).

Edmund Needham had removed to Marblehead by 21 November 1718, when "Edmund Needham, "of Marblehead, curier," sold two lots on Lynn Town Common to Thomas Farrar; lots that had been "laid out to" Joseph Haven, William Eaton, Eleazer Keyser, and Adam Hawkes (ibid., 37:207). From 1718 through 1726, Edmund continued to sell off his land in Lynn; to Joseph Mansfield (ibid., 41:72); to Daniel Mansfield, Jr. (ibid., 42:218); Edmund Batter (ibid., 39:225); to Jonathan Mansfield, "land called Ox Pasture" (ibid., 48:249); and to Benjamin Potter "land on Lynn Common" (ibid., 28:125).

In 1724 and 1725, at the age of 48, Edmund began divesting to his children. On 18 March 1724-5, he sold ten acres to his two children, Daniel Needham and Bathshebe Holder "wife of Thomas Holder of Marblehead, butcher" (ibid., 45:811), and in the same month, father and children sold land "known as Needham's Neck in Lynn, enjoyed by our honored father and grandfather" to William Curtis (ibid., 39:268-9).

On 21 March 1726, Edmund, perhaps planning to live with one of his children, sold to Abraham Redwood of Salem, his dwelling house and barn (ibid., 46:91), and on 2 May of the same year, he sold to his son, Daniel Needham, land in Marblehead, a dwelling house and fence (59:109).

There is no record of Edmund's death in the Lynn or Marblehead Vital Records, and no will is on record at Essex Probate Court.





Children, recorded in Lynn VRs:

- i. DANIEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 5 Dec 1703; d. at Salem, Mass., 7 Oct 1788, age 84 (Salem VRs); m. at Salem "as Daniel of Marblehead, currier," 2 Nov 1727, SARAH BUFFUM, (Quaker Meeting Records in Salem VRs), dau. of Robert & Sarah (Blaney) Buffum (Salem VRs). Children, all born at Salem: 1. Edmund, b. 11 Jan 1737; d. 8 Sept 1819 "age 83, of numb palsey" (Salem VRs); m. (1) "a Blaney;" m. (2) Sarah Saunders (Diary of William Bentley [Sept 1819], 614-615). She died as Sarah Needham, 1 June 1829, age 88 (Salem VRs). 2. Daniel, a Tailor by trade, b. 11 Mar 1741; d. at Salem, 15 May 1815 (Quaker Monthly Meeting Records, in Salem VRs), age 74 ("Salem Gazette" in Salem VRs); m. (1) 21 Mar 1763, Hannah Boyce (Salem VRs), b. at Danvers, Mass., 21 May 1743, d. at Salem, 26 July 1797 (ibid.), dau. of Jonathan & Dinah (Baker) Boyce, Jr. ("Boyce Genealogy" in Essex Antiquarian, XX:59). Daniel m. (2) at Salem, 20: 3m: 1800, Hannah Buxton ("Quaker Monthly Meeting Records" in Salem VRs), who d. at Salem, "2d wife of Daniel Needham," 3: 2m: 1832 (ibid.), dau. of Thomas & Sarah (Purinton) Buxton (Salem VRs). 3. James, b. 1 Jan c1747; d. at Philadelphia of small pox ("Salem Gazette" in Salem VRs); m. at Salem, 11 Oct 1770, Alice Blaney, dau. of Thomas & Desire (Dean) Blaney ("Blaney Genealogy" in Essex Antiquarian, IX:33). 4. Mary, m. at Boston, 14 Dec 1751, Ezekial Allen of Kittery Maine, son of Francis Allen of Boston, Mass. (Buffum Family; Volume II [New York:1983], 64).
- ii. BATHSHEBA, b. 30 Apr 1705; d. bef. 1731; m. at Marblehead, 11 Feb 1721/2, as his first wife, THOMAS HOLDER (Marblehead VRs). Thomas m. (2) at Marblehead, 29 June 1731, Barbara Hayden (ibid.). He d. bef. 1746. Children by Bathsheba (surname Holder): 1. Sarah, b. ca. 1723; m. at Lynn, 29 Oct 1746, as "dau. of Thomas, deceased," Joseph Gaskill, "cordwainer, son of Samuel of Mendon, husbandman" ("Quaker Monthly Meeting Records" in Lynn VRs). 2. Daniel, b. ca. 1725; m. at Lynn, 19 Sept 1750, as "shipwright, son of Thomas of Marblehead, deceased," Hannah Hood, "dau. of Richard, husbandman" (ibid.). Thomas Holder's child by Barbara (Hayden): Nathaniel, bpt. at Marblehead, 1 Oct 1732, as "son, posthumous, of Thomas & Barbara" ("St. Michael's Episcopal Church," in Marblehead VRs).

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7. DANIEL<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was born "a twin" at Lynn, Mass., 23 February 1679 (Lynn VRs). His twin Ruth died at 14 months of age (ibid.). He died at Lynn before 2 July 1717, when his father Daniel's will was written (Essex Probate 19197). He was married at Boston, by the Rev. Cotton Mather, on 13 March 1702, to MARY PARKMAN (Boston VRs), who was born at Nantucket, Mass., 25 February 1680/1 and died at Boston, 9 September 1730 (Parkman Manuscript [1770], 5; at the Boston Athenaeum). She was christened at the Second (Old North) Church of Boston, 20 May 1663 (Chandler Robbins, History of the Second Church, Boston [Boston, 1852], 266), and died at Boston 9 September 1730 (Parkman MSS, 5). She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Adams) Parkman (ibid.). Mary (Parkman) Needham married, second, at Boston, by the Rev. John Webb, John Edwards, by whom she had two children; Mary Edwards, b. Dec 1719, and John Edwards, b. 15 June 1725 (ibid.).

Daniel Needham was a shipwright by trade. After his death, his wife, as





Mary Edwards, asked the court to have her brother William Parkman appointed guardian for her son, Daniel Needham (Suffolk Probate, 4277).

Children, born at Boston:

- i. DANIEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 17 Jan 1703; d. 2 months later (Parkman MSS, 5).
- ii. MARY, b. 6 Apr 1705 (Boston VRs); d. 4 June 1705, (Parkman MSS, 5).
- iii. DANIEL, b. 25 Jan 1706 (Boston VRs); bpt. Second Church, Boston 26 Jan 1706/7); m. at Boston, 16 Jan 1728, ISABELLA ARMSTRONG (ibid.); b. at Salem, 25 Dec 1707 (Parkman MSS, 5; not in Salem VRs); "renewed the covenant," as "dau. of Widow Armstrong" at the 1st Church at Salem, 31 Dec 1727 (Records of 1st Church of Salem [Salem, 1974], 314). Children, first seven b. at Salem (Salem VRs); last three born at Norwich, Conn. (Norwich, CT VRs): 1. Daniel, b. 18 Nov 1729. 2. Mary, b. 24 Apr 1731; m. William Curtis. 3. John, b. 13 June 1733; d. June 1733. 4. Thomas, b. 15 July 1734; m. (wife unk. [Parkman MSS, 10]. 5. John, b. 22 Jan 1736/7; m. Esther Willey, dau. of Noah & Sarah (Hart) Willey. 6. Jane, b. 28 Apr 1739; d. 11 Nov 1739. 7. William, b. 7 Oct 1740; d. 6 Oct 1741. 8. Margaret, b. 8 Oct 1742. 9. Isabella, b. 2 Mar 1744/5. 10. Elias, b. 4 Oct 1747; d. at Elizabethtown, KY, 15 Sept 1834 (Family Bible, notes of Marjorie Coffill); m. Mercy Stocking. (Marriage information from Parkman MSS).

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8. EDMUND<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (Ezekiel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was born at Lynn, Mass. on 2 August 1670 (Lynn VRs) and died, probably at Kent County, Delaware, after 15 November 1705, when he was fined for not appearing on a Grand Jury (Court Records of Kent County, Delaware, 331). He married, first, about 1690, ANNA HEWTHAT, daughter of Thomas Hewthat. The will of Thomas Hewthat, signed 24 November, probated 24 December 1695, left a legacy to daughter, Anna Needham (notes of Mrs. Paris). On 20 December 1693, Thomas Hewthat patented to Edmund Needham, 300 acres (Kent Deeds, C:118). Anna (Hewthat) Needham died before 1694, and Edmund married, second, ANNA WALKER. On the 22nd of October 1694, Edmund Needham registered his "earmarks" for his cattle "formerly recorded on the 30th of the 4th month 1686, to his now wife, then by the name of Anna Walker" (Court Records of Kent County, Delaware).

From 1697 to 1704, Edmund served on the Grand Jury (Court Records of Kent County, Delaware, 95 through 307). But in August of 1705, he failed to appear, and on the 15th of November that year, he and John Elliot, Richard Shurley and Robert Miller were each fined 10 shillings for that dereliction of duty (ibid., 319, 331). On the 15th of June 1698, he served as Constable for "Murtherkill Hundred." On the 4th of October the same year, Francis Reynalds was appointed constable instead of Edmund Needham (ibid., 121, 136).

On the 14th of May 1702, attorneys for Thomas and Susannah Smith and Joseph and Mary Smith, heirs of Samuel Matthews, deceased, acknowledged and delivered to Edmund Needham two parcels of land, of 100 and 75 acres; land that Samuel Matthews had purchased from Stephen Parradee and John Dubrois (ibid., 213).

The following table shows the results of the experiments conducted on the effect of temperature on the rate of reaction of the various compounds studied. The data are given in terms of the rate constant,  $k$ , and the activation energy,  $E_a$ , for each reaction. The values of  $k$  are given in units of  $\text{min}^{-1}$  and the values of  $E_a$  are given in units of  $\text{cal/mole}$ .

Compound	$k$ at $25^\circ\text{C}$	$E_a$ (cal/mole)
1. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	12,000
2. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	11,000
3. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$3.5 \times 10^{-4}$	10,000
4. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$4.5 \times 10^{-4}$	9,000
5. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$5.5 \times 10^{-4}$	8,000

The results of the experiments show that the rate of reaction increases with increasing temperature and with increasing chain length of the compound. The activation energy decreases as the chain length increases, indicating that the reaction becomes easier as the chain length increases. The data also show that the rate of reaction is higher for the branched compounds than for the straight-chain compounds of the same molecular weight.

The following table shows the results of the experiments conducted on the effect of solvent on the rate of reaction of the various compounds studied. The data are given in terms of the rate constant,  $k$ , and the activation energy,  $E_a$ , for each reaction. The values of  $k$  are given in units of  $\text{min}^{-1}$  and the values of  $E_a$  are given in units of  $\text{cal/mole}$ .

Compound	$k$ in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	$k$ in $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	$E_a$ (cal/mole)
1. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	12,000
2. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	11,000
3. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$3.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$	10,000
4. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$4.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	9,000
5. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$5.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-4}$	8,000



On the 12th of August, 1703, Edmund Needham acknowledged a deed for 75 acres to Richard Shurley; and on the same date, he acknowledged a deed for 100 acres to Daniel Needham (ibid., 284, 293). These were probably the lands he had purchased from the Smiths.

Probable child of Edmund Needham and Anna Hewthat:

- i ANN<sup>4</sup>, m. in Feb or Mar of 1712/13, at Duck Creek, Kent County, Delaware, MOSES WHITACRE (Duck Creek Quaker Monthly Meeting Records).

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9. RALPH<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (Ezekiel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) was born at Lynn, Mass. , 26 August 1682 (Lynn VRs), and died at Duck Creek, Delaware, before 16 March 1752, when his will was settled (Kent County, Delaware Wills, K:56). He married at Kent County, Delaware, 22 June 1720, PHEBE BUNTING. The "Duck Creek Quaker Monthly Meeting Records" at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, state that "Ralph Needham, with wife, Phebe Bunting, were reported to the Monthly Meeting as having been married within the month prior to 22 August 1720." Phebe Bunting Needham died before 14 February 1769, when administration of her estate was granted to her son, Ezekiel (Kent County Wills, L:53).

Ralph Needham was about four years old when his family moved from Lynn, Mass. to Delaware. Although the records do not show that he received land directly from his father, in 1731, his brother Daniel quiltclaimed land on Isaac's Branch to Ralph (notes of Mrs. Paris). At a later date, some land formerly belonging to Ralph Needham is described in a Kent County Deed: "Ralph Needham, formerly of Little Creek, died and left six children; Benjamin, Ezekiel, Rachel, Christina, Sarah and Lydia." The land, through Lydia Price was now in the Price family (ibid.).

In Kent County Orphan's Court Records, Ezekiel and Benjamin Needham are mentioned as sons of Ralph Needham, deceased, and heirs of Phebe Needham.

The division of lands of Ralph Needham, deceased, were still being accomplished on the 24th of May 1769, when "Viewers" were appointed by the Court of Kent County to value the land of Phebe Needham. It was valued at three pounds per acre, and Benjamin Needham, son of Ralph and Phebe, bought at this valuation (ibid.).

Children, first six recorded in Duck Creek (Delaware) VRs:

- i DANIEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 17 August 1722 (Quaker Monthly Meeting Records);  
d. bef. 27 Dec 1756, when his estate was administered; m. prob. at Duck Creek, Delaware, 21 August 1740, SUSANNA MANLOVE (Needham Family Bible), who d. bef. 30 Jan 1775, when her estate was administered. She was the daughter of Matthew and Mary Manlove, and after Daniel's death, she m. (2) James Blundell; and then m. (3) ----- Morris (Kent County Calendar of Wills). The will of Matthew Manlove, 16 Apr 1743, mentions Daniel Needham, with his wife, former Mary Manlove [probably an error; it should be Susanna] (ibid.), 22). Children, prob. born at Duck Creek: 1. Ezekiel, b. 24 Oct (old style) 1741, new style, 4 Nov 1741 (Needham Bible); d. 30 Jan 1829, aged 87 years, 3



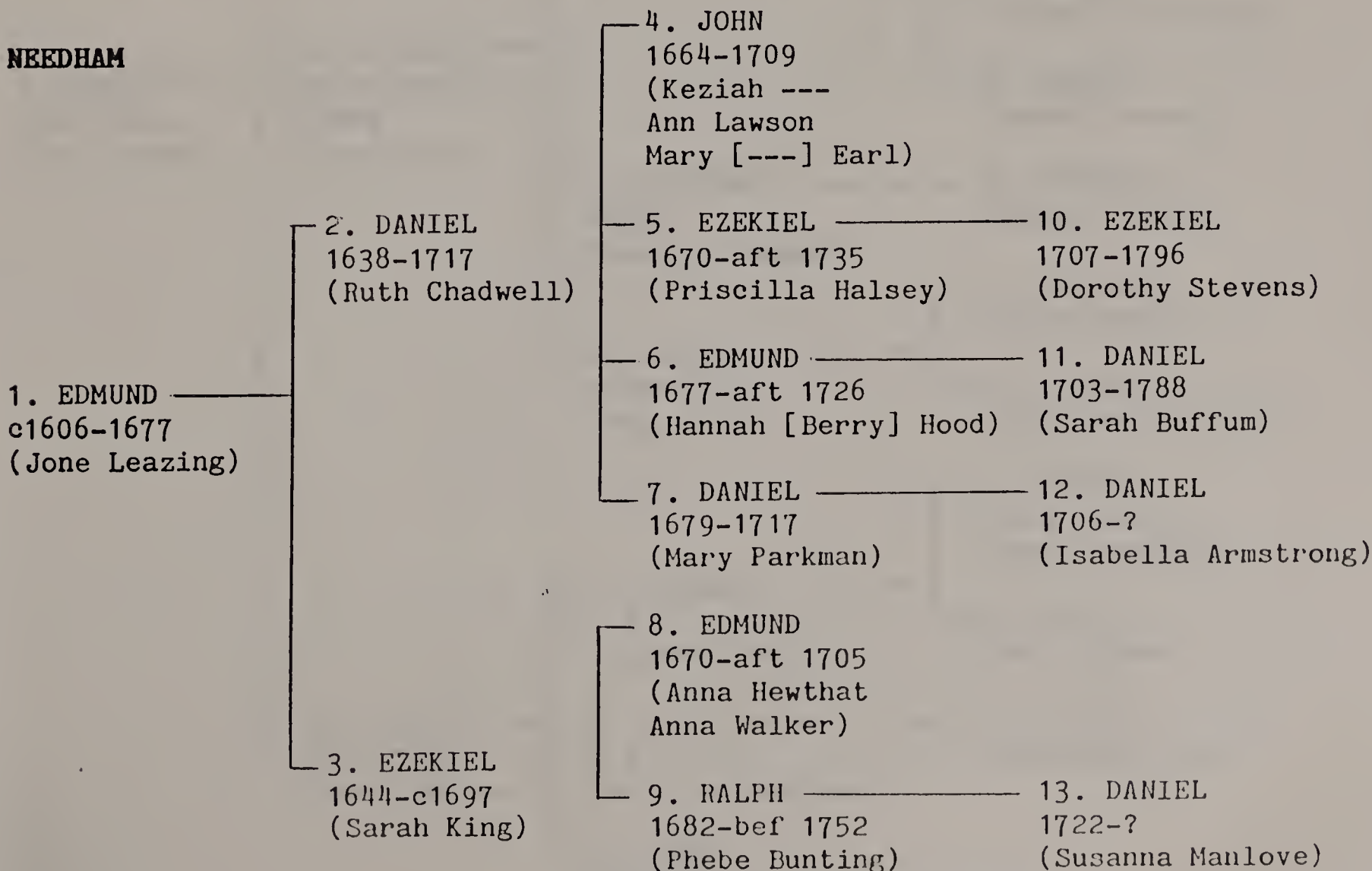


months (ibid.). Ezekiel was a Doctor. His will, signed 9 Apr 1828, probated 9 Feb 1829, bequeathed to his sister Sarah Turner; to James Needham, Sr. of Massachusetts; to James's two sons, Daniel and Ezekiel; to Edmund Needham of Massachusetts; and Edmund's sons, William & Edmund; and to his daughters, Bathsheba, Hannah, Margaret & Sarah; to Desire Dean of Massachusetts; and Sarah Dannach (sic) of Mass. & his Cowgill relatives, all named (Kent County Calender of Wills). 2. Sarah, m. ---- Turner; mentioned in brother, Dr. Ezekiel Needham's will (ibid.).

- ii JOSHUA, b. 11:12:1724/5 (Quaker Monthly Meeting Records).
- iii RACHEL, b. 6:14:1727 (Quaker Records); d. 11 May 1780 at East Nottingham, (Del?); m. 21 Feb 1748/9, THOMAS BROWN (Quaker Records).
- iv BENJAMIN, b. 3:6:1731 (Quaker Records); m. "Agathy." The will of Benjamin Needham, signed 28 Oct 1781, probated 4 Dec 1781, mentions wife "Agathy" and Daniel Needham, son of his brother Ezekiel (Calendar of Kent County Wills).
- v SARAH (twin), b. 5:8:1738 (Quaker Records); m. 8 Mar 1764, THOMAS PARRY (ibid.).
- vi LYDIA (twin), b. 5:8:1738 (Quaker Records); m. "just prior to 28 Apr 1764" JOSEPH PRICE (ibid.).
- vii EZEKIEL, birth not in Duck Creek VRs; was "disowned for marriage to a non-Quaker" on 28 July 1770 (ibid.).
- viii CHRISTINE, birth not in Duck Creek VRs; mentioned in Kent County Deed with six children of Ralph Needham.

\*\*\*\*\* The End \*\*\*\*\*

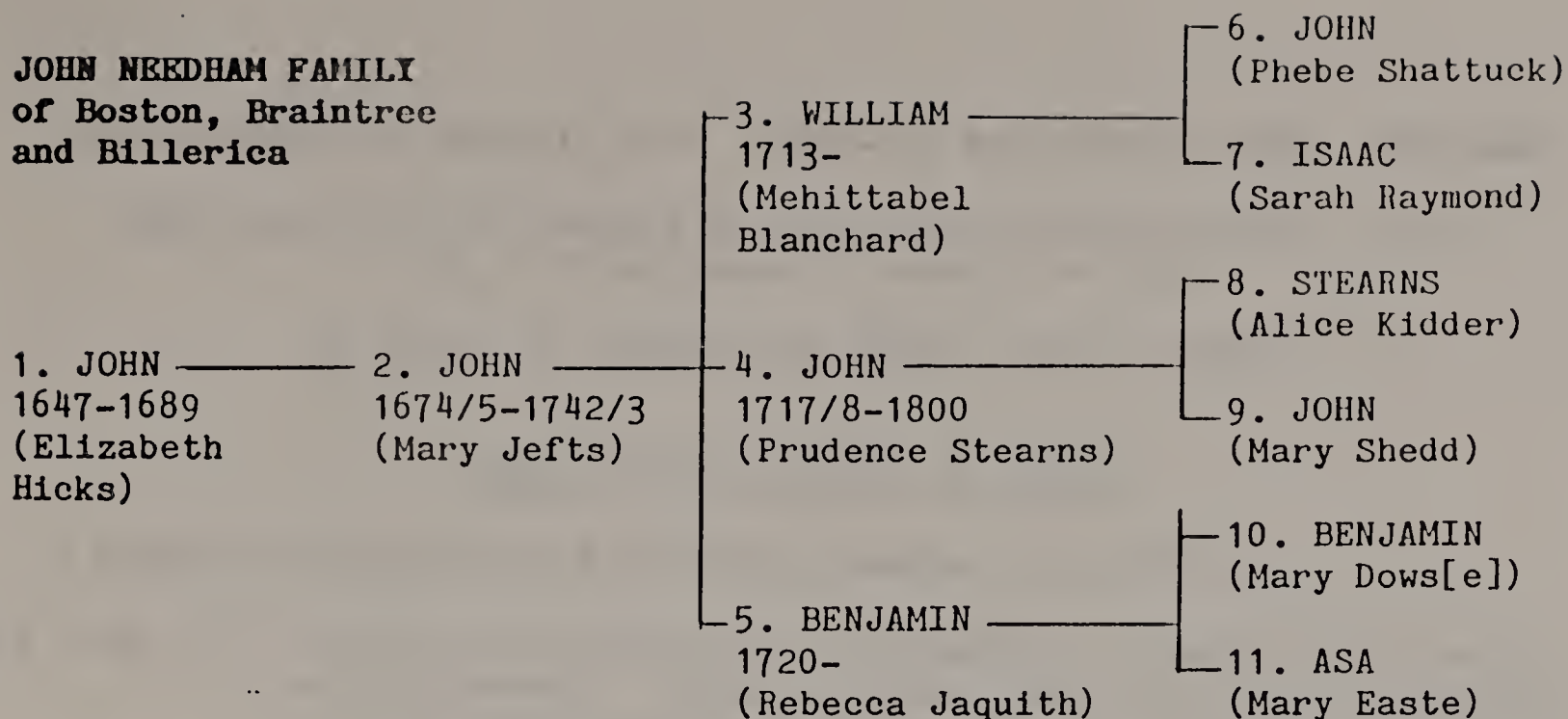
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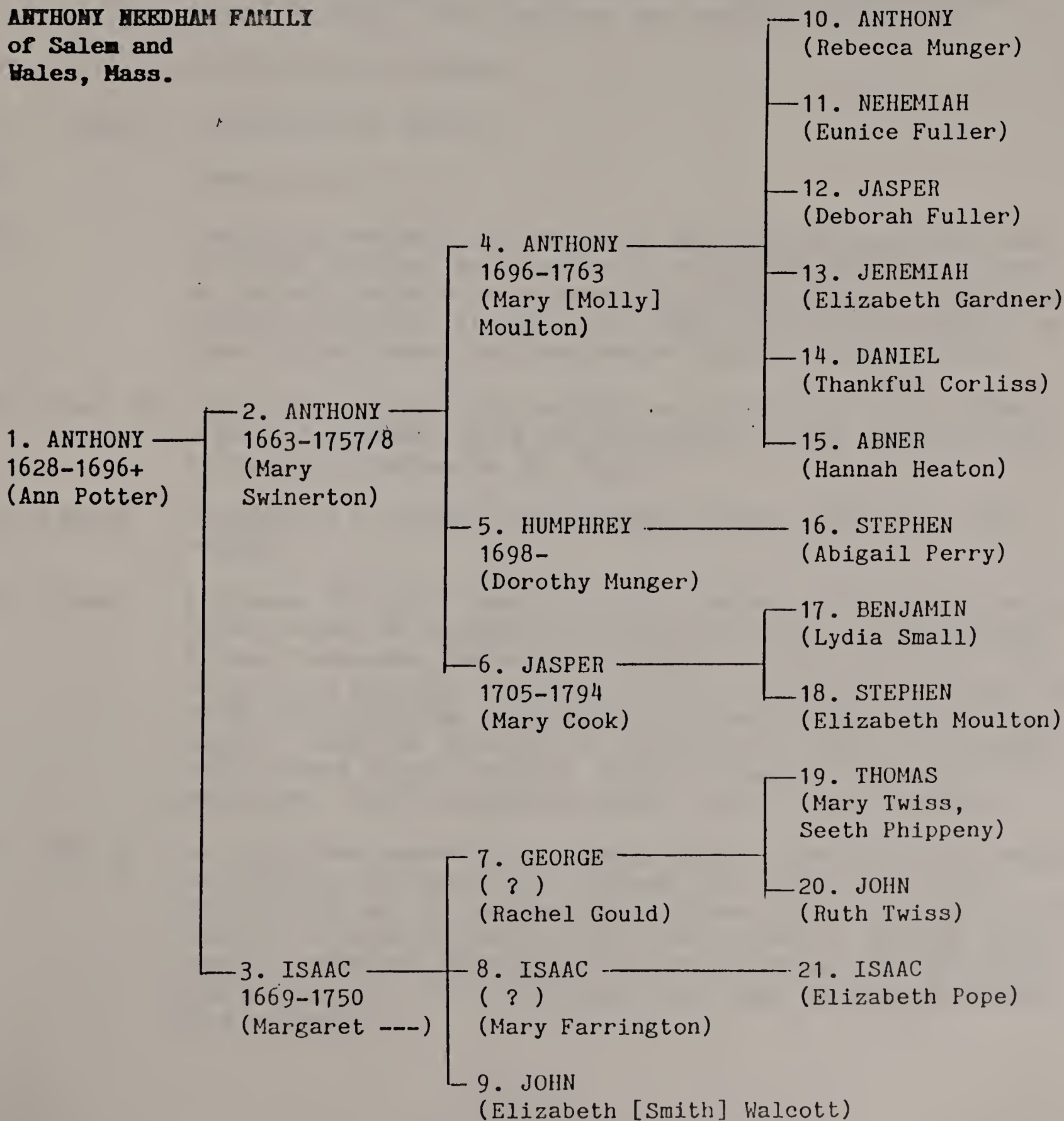




**JOHN NEEDHAM FAMILY**  
of Boston, Braintree  
and Billerica



**ANTHONY NEEDHAM FAMILY**  
of Salem and  
Wales, Mass.





JOHN NEEDHAM OF BRANTRY, MASS. (1669-75) AND BOSTON, MASS. (1675-89)

With notes on John Needham of Boston and William Needham, one of  
the first settlers of Brantry in 1639

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NOTES ON JOHN NEEDHAM OF BOSTON

A factual biography based on public records is as follows:

- 1669 - Mar 3, married Hannah Savil(le) at Brantry. Ceremony performed by Major Leverett. Hannah's father came from Yarmouth, England in 1637 with John Tidd and landed at Charlestown. He later settled in Brantry adjacent to the property of William (see below) Needham, John's brother, and married Hannah Tidd.
- 1670 - April 8, William Born at Brantry
- 1673 - August Hannah born at Brantry
- 1674 John born at ----
- 1675 Removed to Boston about this time and acquired house and land on a site that may be described as on modern Washington Street on the south side between Essex and Bedford Streets. Refer to Suffolk Deeds Vol. 21 page 210. Other land perhaps abutted on Essex Street toward Harrison Avenue (Suffolk Deeds, 38:149).
- 1675 - Aug. 27 Received 2 lbs. for his services as a trooper in Capt. Thomas Prentice's company which was dispatched in June to assault the Narragansett Indians at Mt. Hope.
- 1676 - March Credited as a trooper with one John Bennitt under Capt. Thos. Brattle.
- 1676 - June A trooper in Capt. Thomas Brattle's company. The Boston forces joined others at Plymouth under Major Bradford and the united forces "succeeded, before their return home in the latter part of July, in securing (making secure?) the Plymouth and southern towns and in killing or capturing one hundred and fifty of the enemy." Refer to "Soldiers in King Philip's War" by G.M.Bodge. NOTE: these Indian captives became a source of revenue to the government. William Needham bought one for five shillings.
- 1677 - May 28 The Selectmen passed the following order - "Whereas John Needham and Engerman Hiligison have damaged the highway near Deacon Elliott's house, by turning their draynes into it, it is ordered that the s<sup>d</sup> Needham and Hiligison carry their s<sup>d</sup> draynes under ground beyond the warehouse of Deacon Elliot and Mr. Theophilus Frary before the 1st of September next upon the penalty of 20s each of them."





- 1678 - Nov. 11 Took oath of allegiance along with William.
- 1679 - Oct. 10 Married at Cambridge Elizabeth Hicks, daughter of Zachariah, whose house stood on what is now Boylston Street a short distance out of Harvard Sq. (One block beyond is a tablet marking the site of a John Hick's homestead in Rev. times.
- 1680 - March Appointed a "tythinge man" by the annual town meeting. In 1676 he was appointed a "hog reeves" and in 1681 a "clarke of the market." See published town records.
- 1680 - Nov. 23 Elizabeth born.
- 1682 - Aug. 19 Suffolk Deed Vol. 12 page 269, recorded by which William Lytherland conveyed to John Needham, settworks cooper, and Mannaseh Beck, joiner, a parcel in the southerly end of Boston bound as follows: N. land of Deacon Henry Allen; E. 2 rods along the sea; S. land of Abel Porter and John Drury deceased; W. land of Lawrence Willis. It is surmised that this land was acquired to provide waterfront facilities for John's cooperage business. It was in the vicinity of Windmill point. Refer to the 1722 map of Boston which shows Rainford Land. The said lot is believed to have been near the end of the unnamed land below Rainsford.
- 1683 - Nov. 8 Margaret born.
- 1685 - Oct. 1 Zachariah born.
- 1687 - Dec. 17 Mehetable born.
- 1689 - Jan. 14 John Needham died. No record indicating his age but his marriages would seem to make him about fifty. He must have been some twenty years younger than his brother William who died two years later aged perhaps 72. John having died intestate the probate court appointed Zachariah Hicks administrator. Refer to Suffolk Probate Miscellaneous Docket. Also to S.P. Vol. 8 page 11 for the will of William Needham which reveals much about family interests. A codicil shows that William had given much of his estate to his brother during his lifetime.

#### ENGLISH ANCESTRY

The will of William Needham referred to above has provided a fruitful clue as to the English ancestry of the Boston Needhams. One bequest was for a brother Andrew living in London and his son Thomas. On page 119 of the "Letter Book of Samuel Sewall" published by the Massachusetts Historical Society is a letter showing how these bequests were transmitted to London. On page 371 is a letter to Thomas indicating that he had asked to have a copy of his uncle William's will sent over and also had inquired about his cousin John. Sewall complied with the request and said "John Needham is alive and has a wife and children. He dwells at Billerica, where he served his time with Mr. Thompson one of the executors." (This correspondence was in 1708). This date was referred to Thomas Asby Needham of Chapel-en-le-Frith, England (near Manchester) by R. F. Needham in 1933. A photostatic copy of Thomas's will dated February 27,





1719 was secured. Noting that a witness to the will was a Richard Bosley, Mr. T. A. Needham deduced from his records that Andrew the father was perhaps Andrew christened 30 May 1614 at Hartington and born at Ferniedale, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth. (There is doubt about this, R. F. Needham).

Thomas of Ferniedale, Derbyshire, was one of six or seven brothers who lived in that general region. In a letter to the writer Mr. T.A. Needham says, "Their place in the family tree has not been determined and Robert Raikes Needham (a friend) thinks that they are descended from a certain Elias de Hedeham, 'serjant,' who witnessed a deed about 1290 but I think they are from a remote uncle of mine, Christopher, living in 1372."

It is hoped that further researches by Mr. T.A. Needham will definitely fix the family connections of the William and John who emigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

#### "NEEDHAM"

William Needham was one of the first settlers of "Brantry" in 1639. He lived there until about 1667, when it is supposed John came from England. It is inferred from known facts that John occupied William's homestead during the first six years of his married life. This homestead was transferred to a Penniman, and from that family to the Adams family. There is documentary evidence supporting the belief that the house in which President John Adams was born in 1735 is the one erected by William Needham.

William seems to have had no children, although one may have died in infancy. He became Sexton of the Old South Church in Boston about 1670. By trade he was a cooper. He gave a communion cup to the First Parish Church at Quincy in 1688 and it is displayed with other ancient treasures each Easter by this "Church of the Presidents." (Two Adams Presidents are buried there).

That part of Braintree where William settled is now Quincy and the locality is known as "Quincy Adams."

--Robert F. Needham, Feb 12, 1938.

1. JOHN, place of birth unknown. Possibly son of THOMAS of Ferniedale, near Longnor, Derbyshire, England. Believed to have resided on the property of his brother WILLIAM in "Brantry" from 1669 until about 1675. Removed to Boston to a site on present Washington Street between Essex and Bedford. Was a cooper. Died January 14, 1689. Burial place unknown.

Married (1) Hannah, daughter of William and Hannah (Tidd) Savil of Brantry in March 1669. She was born in 1647 at Brantry and died perhaps after birth of JOHN<sup>2</sup>.

Married (2) Elizabeth, daughter of Zachariah Hicks, at Cambridge 10 October 1679. She d. at Boston 4 February 1690 aged 36.

Issue [of John and Hannah (Savil) Needham, b. at Brantry]:

1. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, b. 8 Apr 1670; d. at Boston, 1693, a tailor, unmarried.
- ii. HANNAH, b. August 1673; ?m. JOSEPH BEAN of Boston Dec. 17 (n.y.)
2. iii. JOHN, b. ?at Brantry, 1674/5; m. MARY JEFTS.

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Issue [of John and Elizabeth (Hicks) Needham, b. at Boston]:

- iv. ELIZABETH, b. 23 Nov 1680; d. at Sudbury, 20 June 1752; m. 9 Dec 1713, JOHN MAYNARD, b. at Sudbury 26 Jan 1681.
- v. MARGARET, b. 8 Nov 1683; m. 10 May 1714, PETER WOOD of Boston. Lived at Mendon, Mass.?
- vi. ZACHARIAH, b. 1 Oct 1685; m. 16 July 1712, MARTHA MOREY of Boston. Residence and issue unknown.
- vii. MEHETABLE, b. 17 Dec 1687; d. at Sudbury 19 Oct 1767; m. 10 Dec 1714, JONATHAN MAYNARD of Sudbury. Had six children.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> NEEDHAM (John<sup>1</sup>) was born at Brantry or Boston 1674/5, and died at Billerica 24 February 1742/3; buried in South Cemetery, Billerica (In 1930 the gravestone was half sunken and split in two parts.). He married 26 Feb 1702/3 MARY JEFTS, born at Woburn 10 September 1683; died at Billerica 17 February 1769. She was the daughter of Henry<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Baldwin) Jefsts. John Needham inherited part of his Uncle William's estate (Suffolk Deeds, 8:11). Some time after the death of his father in 1689 went to Billerica as an apprentice on the farm of Joseph Thompson Sr., a friend of his uncle William. Settled as a farmer on the north side of Nuttings Pond. Town Clerk 1712 and 1713.

Issue, b. at Billerica:

- 1. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, b. 28 Oct 1705; d. 22 Dec 1705.
- ii. MARY, b. 5 Feb 1711/12; m. 30 Oct 1729, JOHN JAQUITH of Woburn.
- 3. iii. WILLIAM, b. 14 July 1713; m. MEHITTABEL BLANCHARD.
- 4. iv. JOHN, b. 26 Jan 1717/18; m. PRUDENCE STEARNS.
- 5. v. BENJAMIN, b. 2 Oct 1720; m. REBECCA JAQUITH.

3. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (John<sup>2-1</sup>) was born at Billerica, 14 July 1713; m. 13 February 1738/9, MEHITTABEL BLANCHARD.

Issue:

- i. MEHITTABEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 3 Dec 1739.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. 4 Sept 1741; d. 27 Sept 1758.
- iii. JOHN, b. 22 Mar 1742/3; m. 3 Mar 1768, PHEBE SHATTUCK of Dracut.
- iv. MARY, b. 28 Dec 1744; m. ?at Westford, 9 Aug 1775, JOHN HOW of Petersham.
- v. ISAAC, b. 16 Oct 1746; m. 24 June 1771, SARAH RAYMOND of Westford
- vi. HANNAH, b. 25 Feb 1748; m. (1) ---- BRADBURY; m. (2) at Athol, 3 Dec 1778, ABEL HOW of Templeton.
- vii. NATHANIEL, b. 31 Jan 1751.
- viii. AMASA, b. 4 Oct 1753; d. 3 Nov 1756.
- ix. ASAH, b. 11 Mar 1756.
- x. RHODA, b. 11 Apr 1758; d. 17 May 1758.

4. JOHN<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (John<sup>2-1</sup>) was born at Billerica, 26 January 1717/18 and died at Tewksbury, 15 February 1800. He married, 21 January 1742, PRUDENCE STEARNS, b. 30 March 1724; died at Tewksbury of consumption, 29 December 1781, daughter of Samuel & Rachel (Crosby) Stearns.





Issue of John and Prudence (Stearns) Needham, born at Tewksbury:

- i. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. 28 Sept 1743; d. in infancy.
- ii. MARY, b. 24 Sept 1744; d. 9 Apr 1754 of canker.
- iii. JOHN, b. 25 Sept 1746; d. 21 Oct 1746.
- iv. PRUDENCE, b. 15 Sept 1747; d. of childbirth, 22 July 1767; m. 18 Feb 1767, DAVID LIVINGSTONE/LEVESTONE, JR.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 6 Sep 1749; d. 7 Nov 1820; m. 16 Jan 1770, JOSEPH JAQUITH.
- vi. LUCY, b. 30 Apr 1751; d. 31 Mar 1845; m. 21 Mar 1776, ABEL BOWNAM of Bedford.
- vii. Unnamed, D. at birth, 13 Feb 1753.
7. viii. STEARNS, b. 25 Feb 1755; m. (1) ALICE KIDDER; m. (2) HANNAH BAILEY.
- ix. MARY, b. 14 Mar 1756; d. 1833; m. 2 Mar 1786, JONATHAN GRAY.
- x. ABIGAIL, b. 3 Dec 1757; d. 21 Dec 1819; m. 29 May 1787, ELIPHALET (Cap. Life) FARMER.
8. xi. JOHN, b. 31 Aug 1759; m. MARY SHED
- xii. WILLIAM, b. 28 Sep 1761; d. 2 Oct 1761.
- xiii. RACHEL, b. 22 Oct 1762; d. 10 July 1768 of consumption.
- xiv. AZUBAH, b. 10 Oct 1764; m. 18 Oct 1787, TIMOTHY SPRAGUE.

5. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> NEEDHAM (John<sup>2-1</sup>) was born at Billerica, Mass., 2 October 1720 and died there 8 November 1770; was buried near east wall of South Cemetery at Billerica. He married 9 January 1752, REBECCA JAQUITH.

Issue, b. at Billerica:

- i. REBECCA<sup>4</sup>, b. & d. 14 Dec 1752.
- ii. REBECCA, b. 7 Jan 1754; m. JOSEPH SHED.
- iii. BENJAMIN, b. 5 Apr 1756; d. Shrewsburg, VT, 1834; m. 15 June 1775, MARY DOWSE/DOWS, b. 1750. (for some descendants, see D.A.R. Lineage Book, Vol. 133 #132, 876).
- iv. SARAH, b. 7 Feb 1758; d. 26 Mar 1758.
- v. HANNAH, b. 19 Aug 1759; m. 26 Feb 1786 WILLIAM KENDALL of Leominster.
- vi. SARAH, b. 12 May 1762; m. AMOS SHELDON of Fitchburg.
- vii. JOSHUA, b. 9 Mar 1765.
- viii. SAMUEL, b. 7 Feb 1767.
9. ix. ASA, b. 19 May 1769; d. 29 Apr 1822; m. 29 June 1769, MARY EASTE (widow married Isaac Whiting, 27 July 1826.)

6. ISAAC<sup>4</sup> NEEDHAM (William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) was born at Billerica 16 October 1746. He married, 24 June 1771, SARAH RAYMOND of Westford.

Issue:

- i. SALLY<sup>5</sup>, bpt. at Templeton, 26 June 1772.
- ii. LUCY, bpt. at Athol, January 1776.
- iii. NANCY, bpt. at Templeton, 20 June 1779.
- iv. BETSY, bpt. at Athol, 19 Sept 1781.
- v. ISAAC, bpt. at Templeton, 26 June 1785.





7. **STEARNS<sup>4</sup> NEEDHAM** (John<sup>3-2-1</sup>) was born at Tewksbury, 25 February 1754, and died on his farm near Milford Springs, Milford, N. H., 5 February 1830. He married, first, 27 May 1779, ALICE KIDDER, who died 14 February 1780, ten days after the birth of triplets; was buried with them in the North Cemetery, Hollis, N.H. along with James. Alice was the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Kidder. Stearns Needham married, second, at Andover, Mass., 5 September 1782, HANNAH BAILEY, born at Andover, 7 December 1759 and died at Milford, N.H., 2 March 1857. She was the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Kittredge) Bailey. Stearns Needham was a "Minute Man" in Capt. John Trull's Co. which responded to the Alarm of April 19, 1775.

Issue of Stearns and Alice (Kidder) Needham, b. at Milford, N.H.:

- i. STEARNS<sup>5</sup> (triplet), b. 4 Feb 1780.
- ii. ALICE (triplet), b. 4 Feb 1780.
- iii. JEREMIAH (triplet), b. 4 Feb 1780;

Issue of Stearns and Hannah (Bailey) Needham, b. at Milford, N.H.:

- iv. JAMES, b. 15 May 1783; d. 8 June 1783.
- v. HANNAH, b. 14 Mar 1784; d. 7 Sept 1859; m. 19 Nov 1807, BENJAMIN WALLINGFORD of Hollis.
- 10. vi. JOHN, b. 28 Nov 1785; m. ROXANNA BARNES.
- 11. vii. DAVID PARSONS, b. 9 Aug 1787; m. MELINDA KEYES.
- viii. BETSY J., b. 28 Mar 1789; m. (1) WILLIAM GREENWOOD of Marlboro, N.H. (resided in Ludlow, VT); m. (2) ---- LANE; m. (3) ---- JONES; m. (4) ---- WAITE.
- ix. SAMUEL B., b. 8 Feb 1791; d. 16 Apr 1865; ;m. 25 Nov 1821, ABIGAIL HARDY.
- 12. x. JEREMIAH K., b. 20 Sept 1792; m. (1) OLIVE PARKER; m. (2) RUHANNAH WHITNEY; m. (3) MRS. BETTSY COGSWELL; m. (4) MRS. ELIZABETH H. CARLTON.
- xi. PHINEAS L., b. 18 Oct 1794; d. 15 Aug 1849; m. 24 Nov 1818, HANNAH AVERILL; lived in N.Y. and Ohio.
- xii. MARY, b. 31 Oct 1796; m. (1) DANIEL GREENWOOD of Dublin, N.H.; m. (2) ---- WHITTEMORE.
- xiii. JOSIAH LOCKE, b. 28 Aug 1800; d. 7 Dec 1821, unmarried.
- xiv. SARAH, b. 12 Feb 1803; d. 11 Apr 1820.
- xv. HARRIET, b. 19 Nov 1805; d. 9 Jan 1869; m. 31 Dec 1830, SAMUEL HAYDEN.

8. **JOHN<sup>4</sup> NEEDHAM** (John<sup>3-2-1</sup>) was born at Tewksbury, Mass., 31 August 1759 and died at Norway, Maine, 24 April 1840. He married, 16 February 1786, MARY SHED of Tewksbury, born in 1767; died in 1856. John was a Revolutionary Pensioner.

Issue:

- i. MARY, m. ---- MARSTON.
- ii. LYDIA, m. AMOS MARSTON.
- iii. HANNAH S.; m. DAVID NOYES, formerly of Winchendon, Mass; wrote early history of Norway, Maine.
- iv. JOHN, d. 26 Aug 1871; m. (1) ABIGAIL HOLT, b. at Albany, 14 May 1797, dau. of Nehemiah Holt; m. (2) ELMIRA (BRYANT) MILLS of Gilead. Issue of John & Abigail (Holt) Needham: 1. Stephen H., b. 5 Mar 1818; m. 8 Sept 1846, Mary Ann Taylor. 2. William F.,

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- b. 8 Mar 1821; m. Esther Wardwell; went to Mass. 3. Harriet, b. 8 Mar 1825; m. (1) 9 Oct 1841 Isaac Pressey; m. (2) Ward Noyes. 4. John, b. 14 Apr 1828; m. Hannah Houston of Gorham. 5. Dudley M., b. 30 Oct 1834; m. 25 Dec 1853, Cordelia Buck, dau. of Stephen & Ruth (Cummings) Buck. Issue of John & Elmira (Mills) Needham: 6. Frank E., b. 15 Apr 1844; m. Mary A. Stowell. 7. Lewis H., b. 14 June 1846; d. Sept 1846. 8. Abigail A., b. 30 Mar 1849; m. Marcus W. Chandler.
- v. ALICE, m. JOHN GURNEY.
- vi. EVI, m. MARIA LATHAM, dau. of Stephen Latham. Issue, born Norway Maine, except last: 1. John, b. 2 July 1823; m. Irene C. Lapham. 2. Reuel W., b. 11 Jan 1826; m. Philena Whiting of Springfield, Mass; Resided Rumford, Maine. 3. Sumner Henry, b. 2 Mar 1828; fatally wounded in mob attack on 6th Mass. Regt. at Baltimore 19 Apr 1861. Monument erected to his memory at Lawrence, Mass. See Centennial History of Norway, Maine (p. 367) for biographical sketch. 4. Olive M., b. 19 Dec 1829; m. Jonathan M. Bartlett of Bethel. 5. Otis Sylvester, b. Aug 1831; d. at W. Bethel; m. Emma Shaw of Holyoke, Mass. 6. Clarissa, b. 2 July 1837; m. (1) Lucy Eggleston; m. (2) Ellen Moulton. 8. Melinda F., b. 17 July 1839; m. Christopher C. Bean. 9. Emilay E., b. at Bethel, 19 Dec 1845.
- vii. THOMAS JEFFERSON, m. MARY B. STEVENS, dau. of Jonas Stevens. Lived at Greenwood and Norway, Maine. Issue, b. at Greenwood: 1. Dudley Jefferson, b. 5 Mar 1831. 2. Julia Ann, b. 18 Feb 1832. 3. Mahala Marston, b. 1 Jan 1834. 4. Daniel Hobbs, b. 7 Dec 1835. 5. Mary Jane, b. Norway, 5 Feb 1838. 6. Melzer Clinton, b. 30 Jan 1841. 7. Sarah Maria, b. 28 June 1843.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. 2 Feb 1800; d. at Bethel, Maine, 4 June 1881; m. ELIZABETH STEVENS, dau. of Jonas. William lived at Norway and Greenwood. Issue: 1. Amos Hobbs, b. 22 Nov 1827. 2. Otis Noyes, b. Greenwood, 24 July 1831. 3. Mary Elizabeth, b. 12 Feb 1835. 4. William Oscar, b. 27 Dec 1845.
- ix. HARRIET.
- x. JULIA.
- xi. CLARISSA.
- xii. LUCY, m. ASA POOL.
- xiii. ?LAURANA, m. 1830, DAVID HOLT of Albany

9. ASA<sup>4</sup> NEEDHAM (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2-1</sup>) was born at Billerica, 19 May 1769 and died 29 April 1822. He married, 29 June 1790, MARY EASTE.

Issue:

- i. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. 29 Aug 1790; m. FANNIE PEABODY; lived in Andover.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. 11 Oct 1792; m. NANCY BEARD (BARNARD?); lived at Frye Village.
- iii. CALEB, b. 14 Nov 1794; d. May 1800.
- iv. AMOS, b. 7 Nov 1796; d. 1 Nov 1876.
- v. MARY, b. 2 Feb 1799; m. 12 June 1828, JEDIDDAH BURTT of West Andover.
- vi. EBENEZER, b. at Billerica, 28 June 1801; m. SALLY WRIGHT of Westford, b. 14 Jan 1809. Lived in North Andover. Issue, b. at North Andover: 1. Jacob Augstin, b. 19 Feb 1833; m. Harriet Knight of N. Andover. 2. Sarah A., b. 14 Feb 1835. 3.





Eben, b. 20 June 1836. 4. Charles W., b. 5 May 1838. 5. Harriet Emeline, b. 10 Apr 1840. 6. Albert, b. 18 Apr 1845; lived at Arlington, Mass. many years. 7. George, b. 22 Aug 1850.

vii. ABIGAIL, b. 10 Dec 1803; m. (1) 5 Nov 1828, AMOS PEABODY of Middleton; m. (2) 1844, GEORGE LYMAN.

viii. CALEB, b. 13 Dec 1808; d. Mar 1809.

10. **JOHN<sup>5</sup> NEEDHAM** (Stearns<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3-2-1</sup>) was born at Milford, N.H. on 28 November 1785 and died 25 April 1824. He married ROXANNA BARNES, who was born at Wallingford, Vermont and died at Proctorsville, Vermont.

Issue:

- i. JOHN EVANS, b. at Milford, 8 Oct 1820; d. at Peterboro, 29 Aug 1870; m. (1) 10 Apr 1842, Susan E. Paul of Durham, N.H., b. at Durham, 16 May 1819; d. 21 Jan 1862. John m. (2), 5 Feb 1863, LOUISE AMES of Peterboro. Children: 1. Thirsa, b. 27 Mar 1843; m. George H. Levy?. 2. Margiana, b. 12 June 1846; m. Oscar W. Davis. 3. James A., b. 9 June 1849.
- ii. SARAH R., b. 23 Dec 1822; d. 5 Feb 1884; m. at Merrimack, 24 April 1842, MORRIS HEATH.

11. **DAVID PARSONS<sup>5</sup> NEEDHAM** (Stearns<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3-2-1</sup>) was born at Milford, N. H., 9 August 1787 on the Stearns Needham farm about 1/2 mile south of the site of the Old Ponemah House. He died 16 April 1861 in the house he built in 1831, on the Brookline Road near the pumping station at Milford, and was buried in the Union Street Cemetery at Milford. He married, 6 May 1813, MELINDA KEYES, b. at Ludlow, Vermont, 10 July 1795; died 4 March 1865, daughter of Thomas and Lidea (Jackson) Keyes.

Issue:

- i. DAVID A., b. at Plymouth, VT, 21 May 1815; d. 5 Mar 1816.
- ii. ALSAVAN BAILEY, b. at Plymouth, VT, 25 Dec 1816; m. at Wilton, NH, 31 Aug 1842 MARIA LOVEJOY, b. at Lyndeboro, NH, 9 Jan 1816; d. at Brooklyn, NY, 29 Apr 1904; bur. in Corey lot at Chelmsford, Mass. She was the dau. of Jacob & Poly (Fletcher) Lovejoy. Issue: 1. Herbert Alsavan, b. at Wilton, NH, 16 June 1845; d. at Dorchester, MA, 9 May 1895; m. 17 Dec 1867, Frances C. Brinkley. 2. William Elbridge, b. at Milford, 4 July 1847; d. 1 Sept 1851.
- iii. ZEBINA ALLEN, b. at Plymouth, VT, 18 Dec 1818; d. at Milford, NH 21 Sept 1830.
- iv. MELINDA A., b. at Milford, NH, 20 Aug 1824; d. 10 Jan 1879; m. 3 Sept 1846, Daniel T. Lakin of Hancock, NH.
- v. MARY JEANETTE, b. at Milford, NH, 4 July 1828; d. 10 Sept 1878; m. 10 Aug 1847, Phineas B. Hood.
- vi. LUCIUS R., b. at Milford, 22 Feb 1838; d. 1 Aug 1859; m. 28 May 1859, Hattie E. Hood.





12. JEREMIAH K.<sup>5</sup> NEEDHAM (Stearns<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3-2-1</sup>) was born at Milford New Hampshire, 20 September 1792 and died at Hollis, 1862. He married, first, 18 April 1816, OLIVE PARKER of Hollis. He married, second, 29 March 1826, RUHANNAH WHITNEY, of Marlboro, New Hampshire. He married, third, 1837, Mrs. Betsy Cogswell. He married, fourth, 2 December 1858, MRS. ELIZABETH CARLTON of Merrimack.

Issue of Jeremiah K. and Olive (Parker) Needham, b. at Hollis, NH:

- i. JEREMIAH, b. 7 Jan 1817; d. at Brookline, NH; m. 30 Nov 1843, SUSAN ELLIOTT of Amherst NH. Issue, b. at Hollis: 1. George H., b. 29 Aug 1845; d. Milford; m. 5 Oct 1868, Abbie Farnum of Nashua. 2. Charles W., m. (1) Mrs. Amanda Tuttle of Milford; m. (2) ?Eva Kandall of Milford. 3. Ellen S., b. 13 Nov 1850; m. (1) 8 Nov 1869, Lewis G. Hunter; m. (2) 2 June 1878, Samuel Swett.
- ii. ISAAC PARKER, b. 9 Aug 1818; d. 19 Nov 1838.
- iii. EDMUND, b. 9 Mar 1820; d. at S. Merrimack, 18 Mar 1853; m. 1844, SARAH (REBECCA?) WHITE.
- iv. WALTER B., b. 25 Jan 1822; d. 23 Oct 1893; m. (1) MARIA FARLEY; m. (2) SOPHIA C. DANIELS; m. (3) LAVILLA D. FAIRBANK.
- v. WILLIAM LOCKE, b. 23 or 29 June 1823; d. at Lyndeboro, 13 Sept 1873; m. 13 June 1848, TEMPERANCE CUTTS of Goshen, NH, b. 4 Oct 1816.

Issue of Jeremiah K. and Ruhannah (Whitney) Needham, b. at Hollis:

- vi. STEARNS, b. 23 Jan 1827; d. 18 July 1874.
- vii. BENJAMIN WHITNEY, b. 17 Feb 1828; d. 1 Feb 1873; m. at Hollis, 1850, HANNAH WILLOUGHBY.
- viii. DAVID B., b. 27 Jan 1830; d. Newtonville, Mass., 1920; m. 16 May 1854, ADALINE R. JENKINS.
- ix. CORNELIUS C., b. 28 Jan 1832; d. 31 Mar 1836.
- x. WARREN W., b. 13 Oct 1833; d. 5 Mar 1834.
- xi. FRANCIS W., b. 1 Mar 1835; d. 23 May 1836.

Issue of Jeremiah K. and Besy (Cogswell) Needham, b. at Hollis:

- xii. CORNELIUS E., b. 9 July 1838
- xiii. MARY E., b. 8 June 1840; m. HAZEN LYFORD of Warren, VT.

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Note: Some of the descendants of John Needham of Brantry and Boston are continued on through the sixth generation. If a reader is interested in following a line further, he or she may write to the Research Committee, Essex Society of Genealogists, 670-the Lynnfield Public Library, 18 Summer-Street, PO Box 313 Lynnfield, MA 01940. A member of the Committee will photocopy the material if it is included in Mr. Needham's manuscript. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and the Research







